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Will open on THURSDAY, Oct. 23, their new importations of Ladies' Hosiery, Underwear, Kid and Fabric Gloves, Cartwright and Warner's Scarlet Cashmere for Ladies and Children. Full line of Ladies' Buckskin Vests and Drawers, Victorines, and Chest Protectors. Ladies' Fr. Cashmere Hose. Ladies' and Children's Silk, Merino, Wool, Thread, Balbriggan, and Cotton Hosiery. Large assortments of Ladies' and Children's Fancy Hose, ranging from 20 cts. to $3.50 per pair. Ladies' and Children's Merino, Lamb Wool, Gauze, Gossamer, and Silk Underwear.

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1 7-octave Steinway, nearly new, $275.
1 7-octave second-hand Parlor, $250.
1 7-octave second-hand Upright, $350.
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GENERAL NOTICES.

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NOTICE.

CHICAGO, Oct. 21, 1873.

A meeting of the Law and Order Club of the Eighteenth Ward was held at 66 Chicago-av. for the purpose of nominating an Alderman for the Eighteenth Ward. The nomination of Mr. Patrick Loftus was carried unanimously. William Sanderson, Chairman, and Patrick O'Malia, Sec'y.

HOTELS.

WINTER RESORT.

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IN THE WEST. The styles which he is offering include all the LATEST BROADWAY CUTS, and garments manufactured from Foreign and Domestic fabric.

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Offer during the Exposition, their Entire Stock of

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"Night's Phantom Powder." Ladies will find this the nicest, whitest, softest, prettiest face powders. You should fail to try it. You are sure to be delighted with the INCREASED BEAUTY it gives to the complexion. Sold by druggists at 25 and 50 cents per box. The trade supplied by Messrs. VAN SCHAACK, STEVENSON & REID, Chicago.

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MEETINGS.

Masonic.

Washington Lodge, No. 99, meets this (Thursday) evening, at 7:30 o'clock, at Oriental Hall, 192 LaSalle-st., for work on the "M. M." degree. Visiting brethren cordially invited. By order of the W. M.

E. ST. JOHN, Sec.

FINANCIAL.

The Situation in Wall Street Unchanged.

Great Excitement Over the President's Financial Panacea.

Question of Veracity Between Secretary Richardson and New York Bankers.

The Clearing-House to Find Out Whether He Did or He Didn't.

The Indebtedness of the New York Banks $14,000,000 More than Last October.

Secretary Richardson Wants Elastic Currency Bonds.

The Comptroller Wants $25,000,000 More Currency for Equalizing Bank Capital.

WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF CURRENCY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 22.—The Comptroller of the Currency is out with a statement to the effect that, as has repeatedly been foreshadowed in these dispatches, he will in his next annual report to Congress urge the repeal of the law authorizing the withdrawal of $5,000,000 of National bank currency from the Eastern States for distribution amongst the Western States, they not having their just proportion. At the same time, he will recommend that the National Bank notes be increased $25,000,000; and that the whole of this amount be distributed among the Western and Southern States.

[To the Associated Press.]

INDEBTEDNESS OF NEW YORK BANKS.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—A statement of the condition of the forty-eight New York City National Banks, Oct. 3, shows a reserve of 19 2-5 per cent. The banks owed this year to banks in banks outside the city $13,177,000 more than in October of last year, and to individual depositors about $1,075,000 more, making their total indebtedness to depositors about $14,000,000 more than last year.

One of the prominent features of recommendations which will be made in the report of the Treasurer of the United States will be in favor of issuing a series of currency bonds, convertible into greenbacks and back again into currency at the option of the holder.

THE FIRST NATIONAL.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—A Washington dispatch says: "The Receiver of the First National Bank is busily engaged daily in verifying the accounts presented against that bank, and in the course of two weeks expects to announce a dividend of 30 per cent."

PROCEEDINGS IN BANKRUPTCY.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Another case of alleged bankruptcy has been filed in court against Jay Cooke & Co. The petitioner is Benjamin F. Buckner, formerly of Texas, and an order has been issued to show cause, returnable on Monday, the 27th inst. Notice has been served upon H. D. Cooke and W. H. Tenney, the latter having an alleged partner of the Washington house of Jay Cooke & Co. The petitioner comes from Texas, and states that he deposited with Jay Cooke & Co. a certificate of deposit for $9,000 and $1,000 of a joint depositor, and checked out $400, leaving to his credit $9,600, which he now claims.

LEGAL-TENDERS.

Outstanding legal-tenders, $350,845,488.

PHILADELPHIA.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 22.—Amounts larger than $20 are not being paid at the City Treasurer's office at present. The reason given by the clerks is that the city is short of funds. It is with great difficulty that any of the brokers can be induced to cash any of these warrants. One or two parties urgently requiring money were to-day compelled to pay 10 per cent for it.

PRODUCTS OF THE MINT.

A. Louden Snowden, Chief Coiner of the Mint, delivered this morning to ex-Gov. Pollock, Superintendent, $85,000 in new double eagles. This is by far the largest delivery ever made in one day at the Philadelphia Mint; and is doubtless the largest ever made at any mint. The weight of the coin is 1¼ tons.

SILVER BARS RECEIVED FROM CHICAGO.

The Superintendent reports that a Chicago firm has sent $50,000 in silver bars for coinage to-day, and quarters, and dimes, being the first sum of any large amount from private parties which has been received. Applications are daily made at the Treasury Department for information respecting the course to be pursued to secure silver coin in sums from $100 to $5,000.

PITTSBURGH.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

REDUCTION OF WAGES.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 22.—The Western Bar-Iron Association held a meeting yesterday afternoon at their rooms in this city. They resolved to reduce the price of iron 5-10 of a cent, making the present card rates 2 5-10 cents per pound. Under the existing arrangement as regards wages, this will cause a reduction of from 7¼ to 12½ per cent in the pay of all skilled workmen in iron. A reduction was also made of 10 per cent in the wages of unskilled labor, such as engineers, firemen, roll hands, laborers, etc. Laborers who have been receiving more than $1.50 per day will now receive $1.50 per week. The employes who have been working under what is termed the sliding scale will be obliged to submit to a similar reduction.

MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS.

A general interchange of opinion was had at the meeting, and some manufacturers reported orders plenty; others made rather favorable reports. It was decided, however, to keep the mills in operation for the present without regard to the above.

GLASS AND IRON MANUFACTURERS INTERVIEWED.

Your correspondent has interviewed several prominent iron and glass manufacturers, who have assured him that they must stop soon, unless collections come in faster. A prominent glass man has $60,000 worth of drafts which had been given to him for collection, all of which were returned with the exception of one for $2,000. St. Louis banks hold a great deal of Pittsburgh money, which they have collected, and refuse to pay over until such time as they feel disposed.

CHICAGO BANKS

have, with a rare exception, acted honorably, and their collections from this city have been promptly paid over. I am sure, from present indications, that money loosens up soon, many of our mills will have to suspend, even when money would foot up half a million dollars cannot raise sufficient on their notes to pay their hands.

NEW YORK.

A LIBERAL DEPOSITOR.

The New York Tribune this morning has a report to the effect that the Union Trust Company received $2,500,000 worth of Lake Shore stock in February last. It is probable that recently the Company paid over on account of this stock $1,750,000, and that there is therefore a deficiency of $750,000 to be accounted for.

ANSWERS VERIFIED.

The Times will also publish a statement to-morrow that the Pacific Mail and ex-President Stockwell have come to an understanding, by which the latter retires from the Howe Sewing-Machine Company's service, and the Company is to pay to the Company 10,000 shares of Pacific Mail in monthly installments as a release for his obligations to the Company.

BUFFALO.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 22.—The effect of the scarcity of money is beginning to be felt by many large manufacturers here. Those who a few weeks ago confidently affirmed that everything was all right are now complaining of the unusual dullness of business. Pratt & Co., Sidney Shepard, Jewett & Root, and some of the smaller manufacturers are cutting down their forces of workmen. It is hoped that the stagnation of trade will not cripple any of the business men. A liberal feeling exists among the merchants here, and whenever extension of time on notes is desired it is freely given.

PAY OF RAILROAD-EMPLOYES.

BUFFALO, Oct. 22.—It is understood that after Nov. 3 the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway will reduce the wages of its employes 10 to 20 per cent; also the New York Central and Hudson River Railways have concluded to reduce 10 per cent, or discharge a portion of their help. It is estimated that since the financial panic from 5,000 to 10,000 persons have been thrown out of employment here.

ABROAD.

LONDON, Oct. 22.—Specie shipped from Liverpool for New York yesterday $100,000.

POLITICAL.

The Hon. C. Comstock, Democrat, Nominated for Congress from the Fifth Michigan District.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

GRAND RAPIDS, Oct. 22.—The Convention of the Democrats and Liberals of this Congressional District (the Fifth), consisting of the Counties of Kent, Allegan, Ottawa, Ionia, and Muskegon, was held here this afternoon. Thirty-six delegates were present, they being selected by County Conventions of both parties acting in unison. A resolution was passed establishing this a people's convention. O. D. Mills, of Allegan, was chosen Chairman; A. B. Morse, of Ionia, Secretary. The Committee on Resolutions were: Henry Frolick, of Kent; J. C. Blanchard, of Ionia; A. G. Adsit, of Ottawa; W. F. Morrison, of Allegan; and P. G. Shippey, of Muskegon.

A series of resolutions were adopted, in substance as follows: First, in favor of preserving the public faith and paying the public debt as rapidly as the resources and best interests of the country will admit; favoring retrenchment in office; advising legislation to protect labor from the encroachments of moneyed corporations; and insisting upon cheap transportation as necessary for the protection of the producing class.

Second, condemning special legislation and grants of public lands to railroad or other corporations, by the National or State Government; condemning Credit Mobilier, the increase of Congressional salaries, and back pay; and demanding the repeal of that infamous act.

The third resolution speaks of the late Hon. Wilbur D. Foster, Congressman for his district, in terms of the highest praise, as a Representative and fellow-citizen; and assures his bereaved family of the sincere sympathy of the Convention.

An informal ballot was taken, and showed 28 votes for the Hon. C. Comstock, of Grand Rapids, and 8 for F. J. Littlejohn, of Allegan.

The Allegan delegation withdrew Littlejohn's name, saying that Littlejohn himself had expressed a wish that Comstock might receive the full vote of the Convention. A formal ballot was then taken, and a unanimous vote for Comstock was announced, with great cheers.

A large crowd of spectators was present, Mr. Comstock soon appeared and made a few remarks. He said he endorsed the platform, met his approval, and he gracefully accepted the nomination. He had always been a Democrat; but, if elected, he would endeavor to faithfully serve the people's interest without much regard to party. He had not consented to be a candidate only after earnest and repeated solicitation. His business here required his personal supervision, and it would be detrimental to his private interests to go to Washington.

The nomination of the Hon. C. C. Comstock is regarded by all people as the strongest, without exception, that could have been made. He is a very large manufacturer in lumber and wooden wares of various sorts, in which he has accumulated considerable wealth. He was the Democratic nominee for Governor in 1870, and was one of those defeated; but his nomination at this time for Congress makes it a closer contest than the Republicans will be willing to admit. Last year, Foster had nearly 10,000 majority, but he was highly esteemed by all, and many Democrats voted for him. The actual Republican majority in this district last year was not over 5,000. Comstock is exceedingly popular throughout the district; and, if not elected, he will poll enough of the Republican vote to a complement of bare party adherents.

The Farmers' Movement in Logan County.

Correspondence of The Chicago Tribune.

LINCOLN, Ill., Oct. 18.

The farmers and laboring men of Logan County held their Convention in this city yesterday, and notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, it was well attended.

The Convention nominated candidates for county officers, as follows: For Judge, John T. Jenkins, of this city; Clerk, Richard T. Gill, of Atlanta; Treasurer, Solomon Kahn, of this city; and for Superintendent of Schools, Adam Slaughter, of Broadwell.

The farmers of this county were discouraged by the politicians early in the fall, and had given up the idea of getting out a ticket, but the fact that none but Courtier-House politicians were nominated by the Republicans gave them renewed courage, and, at this late day, they have put up a full ticket. The ticket is composed of the very best men in the county, and already the Monopoly-candidates are beginning to show signs of alarm; and well they may be alarmed, for the entire ticket will be elected.

The Democratic Convention, met to-day, and ratified the nominations made by the Farmers' Convention. The Democrats of the county will support the ticket almost to a man. This is the first opportunity the people of this county have ever had of supporting men of their own choice, for the tricks of the wily politicians heretofore made the nominations and elected their candidates by applying the party-lash; but the honest, well-meaning portions of both parties have united upon a ticket of their own, and intend to elect it.

Republican Nominations in Detroit.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 22.—Mayor Moffatt and all his colleagues on the present city board were this afternoon renominated by acclamation by the Republican City Convention.

Nominated for Mayor of Buffalo.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 22.—The Republican City Convention to-day nominated Frank A. Sears for Mayor.

Ohio Election.

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 22.—The indications are that, owing to mistakes made by voters in several counties, in voting for Isaac Welch and John Little for offices they were not candidates for, that both will be beaten. This will give the Democrats the Governor, Secretary, and Attorney-General as their share of the victory.

COLUMBUS, Oct. 22.—A telegram received to-night by the Secretary of the Republican State Central Committee, from Ottawa County, states that returns were made in preparing the official return of that county, and that 671 votes reported as cast for Welsh for Attorney-General, were really cast for him as Treasurer, and those reported cast for Little for Treasurer, were really cast for him for Attorney-General. This corrects the completion of the State ticket, and probably elects both Welsh and Little.

Baltimore City Election.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 22.—The election for Mayor, both branches of the City Council, and Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Baltimore City took place to-day. The total number of votes polled in all the wards excepting the Eighteenth, which has not been heard from, was 32,949, of which Joshua Van Sant, the Democratic candidate, received 21,215, and David Carson, Reform candidate, indorsed by the Republicans, 11,734. The Eighteenth Ward will probably increase Van Sant's majority 400 to 500. The Democrats elect all the members of both branches of the City Council, with the exception of the First Ward, which elects Kirby, Independent Reform Candidate, to the first branch. There was no opposition to George William Brown, candidate for Chief Justice, who received 32,123, with the Eighteenth Ward to be added.

FIRES.

At East Saginaw, Mich.; Loss $37,000.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

EAST SAGINAW, Mich., Oct. 22.—At 12:30 o'clock this morning, a fire broke out in the lumber piles on the dock in connection with H. S. Mastellar & Co.'s mill and salt works, Carrollton. There was piled on the dock about 2,500,000 feet of lumber, and of this 1,500,000 feet were burned. The fire departments of this city, Saginaw City, and Carrollton were on the ground, and at work all the morning. One salt block was partially burned, and another partially destroyed by the Hoyt and Fisher Company. The loss is estimated at $37,000, as follows: Loss on salt blocks, $3,000; loss on 500 feet dockage, $3,500; loss on lumber, $21,500. The lumber and salt blocks were insured for $26,000. The fire, it is believed, was the work of an incendiary.

Insurance on the Property Destroyed in the Topeka Fire.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 22.—The following is a partial list of the insurance on the burned Topeka, Kan., on Sunday night: Amazon, $2,000; Phœnix, of Brooklyn, $3,000; Black River, New York, $3,000; Imperial, London, $4,000; Orient, $3,000; Hartford, $3,000; Brewers', $4,000; North British, $4,000; Ætna, $3,500; Insurance Company of North America, $4,500; Franklin, Philadelphia, $3,500; Liverpool, London & Globe, $3,000; National, of Hartford, $3,500.

Prairie-Fires—Twenty-four Persons Burned to Death in Two Counties of Nebraska.

From the St. Joseph (Mo.) Gazette.

The intensely dry weather of the past season has rendered everything almost as combustible as gunpowder, and already the prairie-fires in this and the east of the destruction of life and property by fire on the prairies.

On Thursday afternoon last, near Webster, Saline County, Nebraska, a shocking fatality occurred to Mrs. Jacob Morry, who was teaching school in a school-house standing in the centre of a large prairie. Some thirty children were in attendance, mostly young children. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon a cloud of smoke, rolling up from the south, gave warning of the approach of fire. Realizing the danger, Mrs. Morry, the teacher, instantly dismissed the school, and taking the little ones under her protection, started for a place of safety. She escaped with a quarter of a mile before the flames of the prairie-grass flashing up with lightning speed. The grass was dry as tinder, and the fiery element swept on with resistless power. It was an awful hour for the poor woman, and yet she never shrank from the terrible danger, but pressed on with the children to reach some spot where all would be secure. All her brave woman's efforts were in vain. The fire monster overtook a circle within which were the doomed victims, and escape became impossible. Still she struggled on, and finally succeeded in placing twenty of the children beyond the reach of danger, and then, having done all that a human being could do, the poor woman, with six of the little ones, perished in the flames. Four others of the children barely escaped with their lives, being terribly burned. No sadder sight could be conceived than the spectacle of those six little charred and blackened corpses, lying side by side with that of their brave teacher, on a lone prairie in Nebraska. And yet, pere Rapa, there were seven more angels in heaven.

A gentleman who came in from the west last evening from Fairbury, Neb., says that the whole country has been burned over south of that place; that the destruction of property is immense; and that in Republic County alone seventeen persons have been burned to death.

On the line of the St. Joseph & Denver Railroad, from Alexandria to Hastings, the entire country has been burned over, resulting in the destruction of considerable property.

Near Axtell Station, on the same road, a great deal of property has been destroyed by fire. Among the heaviest losers is Capt. Frank White, who had 900 bushels of corn and 100 tons of hay destroyed. About half a mile of the ties on the St. Joseph and Denver track were burned, and Conductor Billy Williams had to relay it, as well as indulge in much profanity, before he could get his train over the road. Many other citizens in the vicinity also lost largely in stock and grain.

From various other points in Kansas and Nebraska we hear of prairie fires, resulting in loss, but are without particulars.

SPRINGFIELD.

A True Bill Found Against Ex-Collector Harper—Suspicious Theft of One of the Pekin Distillers' Bonds—Some Alterations in the Tariff Adopted by the Railroad Commissioners.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Oct. 22.—The Grand Jury in the United States District Court have found a bill against John T. Harper, late Collector of this district. It was returned to the Court this morning. It charges him with embezzling $104,619.14 United States Government funds. The authorities are still of the opinion that Harper is in Canada, but have no definite knowledge of the place where he is concealed, and it is not probable that any great effort will be made to find him.

The Jury are still engaged upon the case of Albert Smith, Chief Clerk of Harper, but there seems to be some hitch, and it is not certain when the result will be made known.

AN IMPORTANT CASE

has been on trial in the United States District Court, since yesterday, against Daniel B. Westerman, of the Pekin Alcohol Company, and his sureties for $40,000 penalties. The bond of Westerman could not be found, and its existence could not be proved satisfactorily, and the Government was therefore compelled to take a non-suit. It turned out that the bond had been stolen from the office of Collector Harper together with others given by Pekin distillers. It is not known who took the bonds, but the fact of their being gone would seem to be presumptively another proof of the connection of the late Collector with the Pekin distillers in their attempts to defraud the Government.

THE RAILROAD AND WAREHOUSE COMMISSIONERS

have now completed all the schedules of freight and passenger rates for the different roads in the State; the work is in the State Journals. The following roads are allowed 3 per cent more than the rates which were published: Toledo, Wabash & Western, Toledo, Peoria & Warsaw; Chicago, Danville & Vincennes; Toledo, Peoria & Warsaw; Alton & Terre Haute; Indianapolis, Bloomington & Western; and the Illinois & St. Louis Railroads. Their passenger tariff is 3½ cents per mile.

The Peoria, Pekin & Jacksonville, the Peoria & Rock Island, and the Rockford, Rock Island & St. Louis Roads have 10 per cent added, and 5½ cents per mile for passengers.

All the other railroads to which the published schedule did not apply will be allowed an additional 15 per cent, and 4 cents per mile for passengers. The passenger rates, therefore, range from 2¼ to 4 cents a mile.

The Commissioners have visited to-day Bantoul, Ludlow, and Onargo on the Illinois Central Railroad, taking testimony in regard to the extortions which have been practiced. They visit Gilman, Fairbury, and Pontiac to-morrow.

NEW YORK.

The Engineers and Machinists to Propose Measures for the Settlement of Trade Questions—A Newspaper Man Imprisoned for Contempt of Court—Presbyterian Missionary Statistics.

THE WORKINGMEN.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—The Amalgamated Engineers and Machinists, in consideration of the present financial crisis, the anticipated scarcity of employment, and the consequent reduction of wages during the approaching winter, have resolved that communication be made to other unions, with a view to the serious consideration of the subject, and to take such steps as can with either lead to arrest, or, at least, mitigate the evil, and to devise some means for the prevention and future settlement of all trade questions by arbitration and conciliation.

HEAVY JUDGMENT.

Judgment was rendered to-day in favor of John B. Green, who sued the city for $50,843 for laying water pipes under contracts with the Commissioners of Public Works. The Comptroller refused to pay the claim on the ground that the contract was not advertised and given to the lowest bidder, and that the amount was excessive. Judge Van Brunt decided that the contract was valid, and there was no question as to the excessiveness of amount.

HELD FOR CONTEMPT.

W. F. G. Shanks, city editor of the *Tribune*, was to-day committed to the Brooklyn City Jail, by Judge Gilbert, for contempt in refusing to disclose the name of the writer of an article in a recent issue of that paper, reflecting severely upon Judge McCue, of Brooklyn. Information is desired in order to prosecute the writer for libel. Shanks gave the name of Whitelaw Reid as the responsible editor, but declared that the regulations of his duty to his employer prevented his naming the writers of particular articles.

FOR THE SYNDICATE.

Ten millions, making $95,000,000 in all that has been delivered, was sent from the Treasury to the Syndicate in London, this week, in charge of clerks.

THE PRESBYTERIANS.

The Presbyterian Synod met to-day in the West Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Robin A. Sawyer, Moderator, presided. The Rev. Dr. Kendall gave an account of the operations of the Missionary Societies in the Freedmen's cause. The work is being extended greatly, and its practical workings now reach the extreme South. The Presbyterian Church has representatives among the freedmen in every State excepting Georgia, Louisiana, Alabama, and Arizona. Dr. Kendall having said that the Board would go on gradually increasing its operations, the Synod unanimously adopted a resolution by its customary, which declared emphatically against the policy of any members implicated in the Credit Mobilier transactions holding position on standing committees.

[To the Associated Press.]

INDIAN VISITORS.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—A delegation of Ute Chiefs and one Apache, under Colorado Territory, held a "pow-wow" with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs this morning, in regard to the location of their Agency. A Chief, named Ouray, was the principal speaker, and attracted considerable attention by his costume, which included fashionable boots, a stovepipe hat, and his smiling and jolly manner, in striking contrast to the imperturbability of his companions. He spoke in excellent English. Commissioner Smith had a free talk with Ouray and others, and promised to give their requests due consideration.

ILLNESS OF PRESIDENT GRANT.

The President is confined to-day, and has remained in the private part of the Executive Mansion. Many visitors called during the day, but were unable to see him. The President was complaining yesterday of a severe cold, but attended to public business.

EMIGRATION LAWS.

The law of July 4, 1864, which the Treasury of the Emigration Commission proposes to ask Congress, at the next session, to repeal, is as follows:

SECTION 2. And be it further enacted, that all contracts that shall be made by emigrants to the United States in foreign countries, in conformity to the regulations which may be established by the said Commissioner, whereby emigrants shall pledge the wages of their labor for a term not exceeding twelve months to repay the expenses of their emigration, shall be held valid in law, and may be enforced in the courts of the United States, or of the several States or Territories; and such advances, if so stipulated in the contract, and the contract be recorded in the Recorder's office in the county where the emigrant shall settle, shall operate as a lien upon any land thereafter acquired by the emigrant, whether under the Homestead law, when the title is consummated, or on property otherwise acquired, until liquidated by the emigrant.

PARDON REFUSED.

President Grant to-day declined to pardon Michael Kane, now convicted of killing his brother, in this city, last May, and sentenced last week to imprisonment in the Albany Penitentiary for two years for manslaughter, although a recommendation for pardon was signed by the entire jury that convicted him.

MORE POSTAL FACILITIES FOR CHICAGO.

The Postmaster-General issued an order to-day allowing Chicago thirteen additional carriers at $600 a year each. Also, establishing five postal stations, to be known as the North, North-west, West, South, and South-west Stations. The following amounts are allowed for increased expenditures: Fitting up stations, $4,000; rent of stations per year, $3,500; salaries of clerks per year, $4,500; messenger service per year, $4,000. The order takes effect Dec. 1.

TRANSPORTATION.

The Senate Committee in Richmond—Testimony Regarding the Proposed Completion of the James River & Kanawha Canal.

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 22.—Senators Conkling, Sherman, Howard, Morrow, and Davis, United States Senate Committee on Transportation, arrived here yesterday. A conference was held to-day, which was attended by the Hon. Mr. Pereford, of West Virginia, and a delegation of prominent citizens from Norfolk and Lynchburg. A report of the present level of the James River & Kanawha Canal, and plans for its completion, was presented. The Committee examined a number of witnesses, including Mr. Babcock, Craighill, Chief Engineer of the James River Improvement; and Col. White, Chief Engineer of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad; Gen. Haupt, former Engineer of the Hoosac Tunnel, and now General Manager of the Air Line between Richmond and Atlanta. The testimony taken was chiefly with a view of ascertaining the practicability of the proposed completion of the James River & Kanawha Canal and the construction of a tunnel for the canal a length of 2 miles. The opinion of the engineers was to the effect that, the means being supplied for the work, the tunnel and canal would be completed within five years, at the cost of $14,000,000.

The Committee go to-morrow to Charlestown, West Virginia, and thence to Cincinnati, St. Louis, and Louisville.

COMMERCE.

Second Day's Session of the National Board of Trade.

Report of the Executive Council Committee on Bankruptcy Laws.

Revision or Repeal of the Law of 1867 Suggested.

An Important Discussion on American Shipping Interests.

President Fraley's Report on the Department of Commerce.

Partial Report of the Committee on Transportation.

The National Board of Trade reassembled at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, the President in the chair. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Eldredge.

The Secretary called the roll, and forty-five delegates answered.

He also read a telegram from the Baltimore Board of Trade and Corn and Flour Exchange, expressing the regret of their delegates at their inability to attend.

AN INVITATION.

Mr. Culver, of Chicago, since many of the members had not seen Chicago since the fire, on behalf of the Board of Trade, invited the members, etc., to take a ride through the city Thursday afternoon, in order to show gentlemen what had been done here.

The invitation was accepted.

THE CURRENCY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE ENLARGED.

The Chair announced that he had been embarrassed in making up the special Committee on Currency and Finance, and suggested that it be enlarged to nine or eleven members, so that the representation of the different parts of the country could be more equally made.

Mr. Woolly, on Mr. Nourse's suggestion, moved to enlarge it to eleven, to include the President of the Board.

It was agreed to.

The Chair stated the Committee, consisting of Messrs. Woolly, of Cincinnati; Nourse, of Boston; Strahahan, of New York; Wright, of Chicago; Bonner, of St. Louis; Pinelle, of Louisville; Burwell, of New Orleans; Grosvenor, of Providence; Smith, of Milwaukee; Bromberger, of Mobile, and the President.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ON BANKRUPTCY LAWS.

The Secretary read the report of the Committee of the Executive Council on Bankruptcy laws, as follows:

To the National Board of Trade:

The undersigned, to whom was referred, by a vote of the Executive Council, the examination of the National law on the subject of bankruptcies, respectfully report, as follows:

By the Constitution of the United States, Congress is empowered to pass uniform laws on the subject of bankruptcies throughout the United States.

And by the same instrument they are authorized "to make all laws which are necessary and proper for carrying into execution the power thus granted."

By the oath of office of the Constitution, all laws made under it, and by the use of the Courts of the same are declared to be the supreme law of the land, and become paramount to all Constitutions and laws of any State. Congress acted on the subject of bankruptcies, and during the seventy years of our National life, in which we have had no law on the subject enacted by Congress, the legislation of the several States on insolvency and bankruptcy was in force in their respective territorial limits; but their power was restricted by the prohibition that they could make no law impairing the obligation of a contract.

Hence, all the State legislation on this subject was no further than to give relief to debtors from imprisonment for debt; and, to protect them from vexatious suits, while they gave to creditors compulsory powers for obtaining possession of the property of insolvent or bankrupt debtors, and to secure their application, as far as they would go, to the payment of debts.

If unpaid debts of such insolvents were kept alive by proper legal care and watchfulness on the part of the creditor, and the debtor by after acquired property became able to pay, after acquired property could be made liable for the payment of such unpaid debts; and it is, perhaps, to this important feature in the laws of the nations on the subject of bankruptcy have not been permanent.

For, whenever they have been enacted, one of the most important features they had, was the utter denial, in the legislation of the contracts of the debtor; if voluntarily, on the part of Indian Agents, or the surrendered the whole of his estate for distribution among his creditors.

Bankrupt, and insolvent laws are among the many benefits that modern civilization has introduced into the world, and imprisonment for debt, except in cases of fraud or criminality, has ceased to shock us with its odiousness of sufferings.

But legislation on the subject of debts and contracts, as all experience demonstrates, is one of the most complicated problems the law-maker has to solve, and there was a period of large business dealings of merchants, traders, and bankers, and of the important dependencies such dealings create, make it difficult for human skill to devise a statute that shall work with uniformity, equity, simplicity and economy.

The experiment of a National law on the subject, has now been thrice tried in the United States, and each of the trials found unsatisfactory.

The first law was passed in the year 1800, about eleven years after the adoption of the Constitution, and after a trial of three years, was repealed in 1803, when the population of the country, nor its business were then very great, but monumental distress and ruin had reached comparatively large proportions by disastrous speculations, and by the troubles growing out of the French Revolution.

Although the law had but a short existence, the proceedings under it, and the realization of the property of debtors for which it is provided, lasted for many years, and the remains of some of its cases still linger in the Courts.

After an interval of more than forty years, the second law was passed in the year 1841, and it had a shorter life than the first, being repealed in the year 1843.

It is remarkable that this interval of forty years was characterized by the most important affairs and developments the world has witnessed.

For the first fourteen years an almost universal war existed in Europe, and our own entanglement with the belligerents, and especially with Great Britain, caused many and great vicissitudes in the business and fortunes of individuals.

For the following fourteen years we had a process of settlements going on under the State laws, marked by widespread insolvency and sacrifice of property, which were attempted to mitigate by stay laws and other dishonest and disreputable devices.

But no re-enactment of a National Bankrupt law took place, and those who sank in the great struggle were left as best they might, to retrieve their fortunes with such energy as more fortunate ones who survived the storm would allow.

After this perilous settlement,

the settlement of cases arising out of the steady and regular course of trade and commerce.

While it is true that the bankrupt system of Great Britain has been gradually built up since 1543, and to some extent is the model for our law, it must be recollected that the limited area of territory over which it acts in that kingdom, and the difference in the methods of transacting business, which prevail there, should be duly regarded in forming a bankrupt law for the United States.

Endeavoring then, to examine the working of on law by the lights of the experience furnished in its application to contracts made since its enactment, we have come to the conclusion that it needs a very thorough revision to adapt it to commercial transactions, made in the ordinary and regular way of business, and unaffected by any violent reactions growing out of a state of war, or by universal disruption of the courses of trade.

In the attempt to reach and define all possible contingencies that may arise in a case of bankruptcy, the most technical and artificial devices known to the legal mind have been framed in the hope to meet and master them.

Hence, the first steps in the process place both debtor and creditor in the charge of officers appointed by the Courts, and such officers depend on remuneration for their services by fees.

The duties, to a large extent purely technical, which are to be discharged by these officers, give them many opportunities for charging such fees by interposing difficulties in the way of receiving proofs and papers required by law.

A creditor, who has called upon his private counsel to prepare his papers, and paid him for the service, often finds that such papers are not satisfactory to a Register; that officer is the chief pivot on which the law moves; and he, if he chooses, may object to and alter the form of a proof, and demand a fee for the service, that will be not only vexatious but oppressive.

In the same way, clerks, Marshals, messengers, and assistants employed in the process of bankruptcy service, are paid by fees, and any one who has had but slight experience in such matters, knows how rapidly they accumulate, and how difficult it is to understand by what rules the charges are made.

The law provides that the estate of a bankrupt shall pass into the hands of an Assignee to be administered; and, while it gives the appointment of the Assignee to the creditors who have proved their claims, it places him so completely in the power and under the supervision of the Court that he can scarcely move beyond the simplest cases of sale of property, or collection of a debt, without an order from the Judge; and such orders are often are not attainable before a reference has been made to a Register, or some other officer, and possibly by a call for a jury.

The expenses of the Assignee and his compensation must also be paid out of the estate before distribution is made to creditors; and when distribution is ordered it must be computed, and made by the agency of a Register or other court officials.

The result of this whole system is, that by these charges the estate is so much diminished that it very rarely happens that creditors receive a dividend at all approaching the amount that had been offered by way of composition.

Indeed, the results of settlements under the law, that have been communicated to us, are almost incredible,—in many cases where 50 per cent of the debts were reasonably expected, only 10 or 15 per cent has been realized.

Such experience is not limited to our own country, for it is stated in an English journal of great authority, that in Great Britain the charges for settlement of the estate of bankrupts amounts on the average to 50 per cent of the estate assigned under the law.

It is manifest from the general expression of our business men, that our law is not satisfactory, and the amendment made to it at the last session of Congress is considered as most unjust and partial. That amendment relieves specially to the exemptions of property belonging to the debtor, that shall not pass to the Assignee.

If Congress had provided for an allowance to the debtor that should be uniform, no one would have good reason for complaint; but when in addition to the exemption of $500 they specifically allow they grant what may be allowed by State laws, they enter a region of almost unlimited quantities.

The State laws vary in their pecuniary allowances, from $300 up to $3,000; and where homestead and furniture allowances are granted almost without limitation, a debtor may possess himself of a comfortable condition after his debts have been extinguished by law.

Under such a system the law cannot to be uniform throughout the United States, and it may well be doubted whether by the introduction of such provisions, the law does not become unconstitutional.

If the law is to work a full discharge of the debtor from all obligations existing at the time he becomes the subject of its application, the credit should have the right to insist that his claim should have the right to insist that his claim should have the right to insist that his claim should not be affected by any local law.

There are other defects in the law that may be briefly noticed. The several District Courts of the United States, all have original jurisdiction in cases of bankruptcy; and while in other branches of their proceedings are regulated by the rules adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States, yet in many cases the opinion of the District Judge becomes final and conclusive, and there are thus different decisions in different districts on the same point; for the correction of which no appeal is allowed to the Supreme Court of the United States, where the sum in controversy does not exceed $2,000.

It results from our examination of the law and from the opinions of many of our most intelligent business men, whose personal experience of its working entitles their judgment to great weight, that we should prefer some for very limited amendments, or for its absolute repeal.

If we may be permitted to venture on any suggestions for its amendment, we would say:

First—That the system of compensation by fees should be abolished, and that clerks, Marshals, messengers, and Registers should be paid by fixed salaries at the Judges are.

Second—That the numerous references of the administration of the estate of a bankrupt to the Court, should be superseded by enlarging the discretion and powers of the Assignee.

Third—That the Assignee in the settlement of the estate confided to him, the creditors should, at the same time he is chosen, choose also a committee of not less than three nor more than five creditors, who should have power to authorize compromises and settlements with debtors, and to direct and approve of sales of property, and so audit and settle the accounts of the Assignee, and make distribution.

Fourth—That no application be made to the Court for its intervention, by a creditor whose debt had been proved, the whole burden of the realization, settlement, and distribution of the estate should be left absolutely in the Assignee and Committee; and that the proof of debts should be made in such form as was satisfactory to the Assignee and a majority of the Committee.

Fifth—That the amount and kind of property to be exempt from the assignment should be fixed by the law of the United States, and not be diminished or enlarged by any State law.

We recommend that the simplification of the law in the foregoing manner, because we are satisfied by experience that the best settlements are made when creditors and debtors alike feel that the management of their affairs is in the hands of their own friends, and that Judges of their own interests, and can meet and apply practical knowledge to the settlement of difficult cases in a way and with an effect much more successful and satisfactory than could be had through a proceeding in Court, and by the unnecessary and tedious processes of equity, proceedings.

We recommend, therefore, that a memorial shall be prepared, praying Congress to cause a revision of the bankrupt law of the year of 1867, to be made by a commission, to consist of the Attorney-General of the United States and seven merchants, bankers, and manufacturers, who shall report as soon after a day as may be practicable what amendments, if any, should be made to the law, or whether it is expedient that it should be repealed.

FREDERICK FRALEY,
WILLIAM GARDNER,
Committee.

Oct. 15, 1873.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The Chair announced that arrangements had been made by the Secretary for mailing and forwarding letters.

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Mr. Gano, of Cincinnati, suggested that all committees which had to submit reports should have them printed. He made a motion to that effect, which was adopted.

It was moved that the subject of Postal Telegraphy be referred to a Committee of Five.

The motion was lost.

The Chair said the first business in order was the report on the Department of Commerce. Since the report was not quite ready, it was postponed temporarily.

AMERICAN SHIPPING INTEREST.

The third proposition, and the next one in order, was as follows:

Resolved, That a just regard for the increase of American shipping interests should cause Congress to encourage American ship-builders and ship-owners by an allowance of bounties for building ships, whether like the interest in the navigation be of foreign or American production; so that the American ship-builder may be placed as nearly as possible upon the same footing as his competitors in other countries.

Resolved, That the Board would review its recommendation to Congress, that all articles of foreign product, needed for the subsistence and general use on board vessels engaged in the foreign trade, be allowed to be fitted out without payment of duty from bonded warehouses.

Resolved, That justice to the ship-owning interest, and the best welfare of the national commerce, alike demand that the right be conceded by law to American citizens to purchase tonnage wherever built or owned, and to place it under the protection of their own flag.

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Mr. Fairbank, of Chicago, moved to table the first and second resolutions (vote them down). He withdrew it, however.

Mr. Wrisley, of Chicago, was also a member of the Council, and agreed with Mr. Smith.

AMERICAN SHIP-BUILDING PROSPERING.

Mr. Wetherill, of Philadelphia, agreed that the shipbuilders desired to be let alone, and needed no protection. If they could soon compete with Clyde-built ships, they should vote against all the resolutions, especially the last. If they could compete with the Clyde, since iron, labor, and coal were on their side, why did they want free ships? Ship-builders here began to see they had their opponents at an advantage, and no other interest showed as much activity. The English people were surprised. Three American-built ships were at Liverpool to-day, built without bounty, their cost not less than $550,000, equal in strength and speed to English ones, and about equal in cost. Six others were now building, and since ship-builders acted in counties, but if the English builders were looking for the loss of their trade, the latter should not be encouraged by the passage of the third resolution and make efforts to keep what they were losing. Last year in New York he saw that was coming, and the Convention had wisely postponed action on the resolutions. The future was bright, and they must not give bounties direct or indirect to ship-builders or owners. The day of bounties was past. Public sentiment was against them.

SPECIAL LEGISLATION OBJECTED TO.

Mr. Crocker, of Boston, inquired if there was not some drawback to the foreign material used in shipping. He was not altogether conversant with the matter, but he thought there was not the time to raise such a question as that proposed by the resolutions. This was not the time to petition Congress for special legislation on the subject of ship-building, or any other.

GENERAL DEBATE.

Mr. Stranahan, of New York, did not propose to combat at the present time the reasoning of gentlemen. The passage of the second resolution certainly could not injure. The gentleman present gives the British vessels in regard to provisioning ships should be given to ours. Wilmington could not build ships for the foreign trade since they could not be run.

The Wilmington people had they had built two vessels for the Pacific Mail Company.

Mr. Stranahan said that was not trading with a foreign country. Let the first and third resolutions go, but adopt the second.

It was not understood the difference was between running to Panama and Liverpool.

Mr. Stranahan found quite a difference.

Mr. Wetherill said the provisioning for a round trip might amount to $2,000, of which only 5 per cent was of foreign articles.

Mr. Stranahan said he had seen vessels waiting for wheat and corn to sail to Liverpool, and cost of provisions only ten days' sail was more could obtain and furnish them as cheaply as European States, and that was the great trouble. Our wages were double theirs, and that could not be helped. But we could make our vessels to sail with the same provisions, free of duty. It did not amount to much, but still it made a difference.

A WORD FOR THE SHIPOWNER.

Mr. Burrell, of New Orleans, spoke for those who freighted ships, and felt no disposition to vote for the first two resolutions, since they did not help those in representing. He had listened with interest to the accounts of the progress of iron and steel, and fancied no such progress was needed. Now, New Orleans exported a million and a half bales of cotton, chiefly on iron vessels, 65 per cent at least, and nearly all on foreign vessels. He was glad to hear it was true that the abundance of raw material in the Valley of the Mississippi would make it the great producing centre of the country. The trained labourers of Manchester, who were employed in making chains and rope were pouring in here. One-third of the cotton labor had to be spared Europe. He would vote against the first two and for the third, since iron steamboats must inevitably be built at St. Louis and Pittsburgh. There was the food, coal, and iron, and there the labor would be found. He believed his countrymen would work out this problem without further protection.

HISTORY OF EXPORT TRADE.

Mr. McLearn, of New York, gave a history of the export business for the last three years. All the shipbuilders whom he knew had assured him that their yards were doing well. Still, the higher expense of running a steamer required some protection. The third resolution he favored, seeing no reason why American houses should not purchase vessels even if built abroad. He also described the increasing commerce of this country with Norway and Sweden, almost entirely in wooden ships. The first and second resolutions he could not support.

LET THE SHIP-BUILDING INTEREST ALONE.

Mr. Kinsley, of Ohio, said that, before the present shipping business might be left to the people managing it, Secretary Boutwell said that during the last year 73 per cent of exports was carried in American ships. Why the agitation?

Mr. Hoffman, of Philadelphia, was neither shipbuilder nor owner, and was disinterested about it. He felt the three resolutions must stand or fall together, though he thought the third not objectionable.

Mr. Dole, of Cincinnati, said some of the members of the Council had stated why they did not agree there. The changes in the coal and iron trade since that report was made indicated they should let the subject alone.

ALL THE SHIP-YARDS ARE BUSY.

Mr. Dore, of Chicago, was in favor of the last resolutions, but opposed to the first. His information about the matter was that all the ship-yards were busy. If so, what more was desired? The fostering of any one interest at the expense of others was wrong in principle, and the latter in the end felt the evil effects. Recently an English committee visited the Wisconsin iron mines with a view of buying their entire machinery here. If so, why should any special privileges be granted to people using such machinery? It needed no protection, it said, and though it made only coasting vessels, yet they were as seaworthy as others. As for the second resolution, it might be well to pass it. Seamen's wages were cheaper abroad, but provisions were cheaper here.

RESOLUTION A DRAWBACK TO THE COUNTRY.

Mr. Perry, of Portland, explained, as a member of the Executive Council, that the action taken there had been misunderstood by Mr. Hoffman. There was no unanimity in the passage of the resolutions. They were a compromise, something which was always evil. He hoped the day was passing when they relied on legislation. They had had too much of it. He believed if Congress did not meet for five years the country would have greater prosperity than it ever enjoyed. He represented a country which was interested in cheap transportation as much as the West was, and if cheap labor was given there, would give the West cheap ships. He had no objection to the second resolution, but he had to the third. Should they strike at the industry of the country by allowing free ships against American labor? If there were free trade with the Dominion, then their ships could come in free, but he didn't like this piecemeal free trade. There must be a reciprocity. The question of American or British shipping would be decided. Every ship-yard in Maine was alive, and the only drawback was the want of muscle. If the labor were obtained, ships could be turned out at as cheap a rate as in England. The question of subsidies and bounties was unpopular. The great drawback to the prosperity of the Dominion people was the subsidies they relied on. They destroyed any country.

CONGRESSIONAL BOUNTIES AGAIN DECRIED.

Mr. Taylor, of Cincinnati, did not believe in bounties, but was glad to hear they were not needed. The second resolution was important. All other nations allowed a drawback on supplies, and our ships must be placed on an equality with others. He should vote for the third, since he believed an American citizen had a right to buy a ship where he could find it cheapest. To pass a law to that effect would run up prices on the Clyde 10 per cent owing to the increased demand. Ultimately he believed all the ships would be built here, but in the meanwhile it was well to have a little competition. The shipping interest had the dry rot before the war for steam was beginning to run outward, and England got the start by adopting iron and steam first, but they were now adopting both.

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DIVIDED ON THE QUESTION.

Mr. Smith, of Milwaukee, said, the resolution came from the Executive Council, of which he was a member, but since he should oppose the resolution, he would say the Council was not an unit for it. He admired the spirit of the Wilmington people, who said they could take care of themselves, and his information was that such was the growing sentiment of this country. The advance in the cost of iron, etc., in England placed Americans where they could soon compete successfully. So he was utterly opposed to the resolutions, but not to support the third one.

Mr. Fairbank, of Chicago, moved to table the first and second resolutions (vote them down). He withdrew it, however.

Mr. Wrisley, of Chicago, was also a member of the Council, and agreed with Mr. Smith.

AMERICAN SHIP-BUILDING PROSPERING.

Mr. Wetherill, of Philadelphia, agreed that the shipbuilders desired to be let alone, and needed no protection. If they could soon compete with Clyde-built ships, they should vote against all the resolutions, especially the last. If they could compete with the Clyde, since iron, labor, and coal were on their side, why did they want free ships? Ship-builders here began to see they had their opponents at an advantage, and no other interest showed as much activity. The English people were surprised. Three American-built ships were at Liverpool to-day, built without bounty, their cost not less than $550,000, equal in strength and speed to English ones, and about equal in cost. Six others were now building, and since ship-builders acted in counties, but if the English builders were looking for the loss of their trade, the latter should not be encouraged by the passage of the third resolution and make efforts to keep what they were losing. Last year in New York he saw that was coming, and the Convention had wisely postponed action on the resolutions. The future was bright, and they must not give bounties direct or indirect to ship-builders or owners. The day of bounties was past. Public sentiment was against them.

SPECIAL LEGISLATION OBJECTED TO.

Mr. Crocker, of Boston, inquired if there was not some drawback to the foreign material used in shipping. He was not altogether conversant with the matter, but he thought there was not the time to raise such a question as that proposed by the resolutions. This was not the time to petition Congress for special legislation on the subject of ship-building, or any other.

GENERAL DEBATE.

Mr. Stranahan, of New York, did not propose to combat at the present time the reasoning of gentlemen. The passage of the second resolution certainly could not injure. The gentleman present wanted to secure cheaper facilities for water transportation by every route. The surest way to it was to secure the cheaper vessels and barges on inland waters. Hence they suggested it was proper that materials for vessels to be used on inland waters should be admitted duty free. He would like to have it read as follows: "Used on board vessels in the foreign trade and the materials to be used in building all vessels, whether engaged in foreign or inland traffic, be allowed to be withdrawn without payment." In making the amendment, it did not seem to him that it involved the inconvenience of the one offered by the gentleman from Milwaukee. It had nothing to do with stores, but simply called for equal justice to the West and the inland marine interest.

Mr. Grover, of New York, said the whole discussion had not touched the base of the matter. They had been told indirectly that the difficulty in the way of the prosperity of American ocean commerce was the high rate of wages paid. He could see no reason why the foreigners should not be our carriers on the high seas as well as in the streets of our cities, when they bear our brick and mortar. If free trade was desired, why was it not agreed upon? Why was the quibbling over the duty on a few dollars in supplies on ship-board. The discussion seemed to him to be trifling with a matter of considerable importance to the country at large.

Mr. Hoffman said the amendment had really been voted down when the first resolution was in order.

Mr. Cook accepted Col. Grosvenor's amendment.

The Chair, replying to Mr. Hoffman's point, held the amendment in order.

Mr. Baker offered an amendment to include all material used in the manufacture of railroad cars, locomotives, etc. [Applause.] If the object was to cheapen transportation, the resolution must apply to railroads too.

The Chair ruled it out of order.

STIRK WASTED ON NOTHING.

Mr. Fairbank thought much time was spent on a trifling resolution. The shipping interest was the most prosperous in the country, and it was folly to spend time discussing a resolution to furnish them materials duty free. Prejudice was higher than for twenty years. He trusted they would vote on the resolution and vote it down. He favored the amendments so far as they favored free trade, for he was a free-trader, but they could not go into a discussion of theories. Let them stick to practical matters.

Mr. Wright, of Chicago, moved to indefinitely postpone the whole subject.

The motion was lost, by Mr. Fairbank to table the whole subject, including the third resolution.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Covington, of Cincinnati, wanted to know if they intended to dodge a question of much importance. He would have liked a square vote on that subject.

A motion to reconsider the vote to table that motion was made.

The motion to table was lost.

The motion to reconsider was carried.

Mr. Dow, of Buffalo, moved that they proceed to vote without further discussion.

Parliamentary law was discussed for a time.

Col. Grosvenor was opposed to the resolution without his amendment.

Debate was then cut off.

Col. Grosvenor's amendment was lost.

The resolution was lost—ayes, 22; noes, 34.

THE THIRD RESOLUTION.

The third resolution was then taken up.

Mr. Nazro, of Boston, moved to amend by adding at the end, "Upon the payment of a reasonable duty upon the cost."

The resolution—ayes, 31; noes, 29.

Mr. Shedd, of Portland, called for the yeas and nays on the resolution.

The resolution as amended was lost—yeas, 40; nays, 29—since 42 votes were necessary to pass it.

Mr. Hoffman voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Mr. How. Wilmington voted in the negative.

Mr. McLaren declined to vote because he thought the proposition an inconsistent one, but subsequently voted in the affirmative.

Mr. Bond, of Boston, had favored the resolution, but had changed his mind when he heard of the successful progress of iron ships. Ship-building was one of the worst things. It had to contend with, and therefore he had voted against the resolution.

THE RICHMOND DELEGATION.

Mr. Burrell offered a resolution requesting the delegates from the Board of Trade of Richmond to be placed on the same footing as the Dominion delegates, to participate in discussions, but not to vote.

After a long discussion as to the power of interest, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Credentials.

HE WILL MOVE TO RECONSIDER.

Mr. Able gave notice that, Thursday, he would move to reconsider the votes taken on the second and third resolutions, relative to shipping interests.

REPORT ON THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

The consideration of the report of the Chair on the Department of Commerce, as follows:

To the National Board of Trade:

By a resolution of the Executive Council, adopted at a meeting held in February, 1873, it was requested to prepare a report on the subject of a Department of Commerce, and to submit the draft of a bill to be forwarded to Congress, if approved by the Board, which should provide for the establishment of such a department.

The commercial conventions held at Detroit in 1865, and at Boston in 1868, expressed with unanimity their opinions that the trade and commerce of the country were of such magnitude and importance as demanded the special recognition and care of the General Government.

Since the organization of the National Board of Trade, that body, by repeated resolutions, has expressed the same opinion; and, by resolutions and memorials, and by the personal representations of the Executive Council, and the present President of the United States, officers of the Government, Senators and Representatives, have striven to procure favorable action and legislation for carrying their declaratory opinions into effect.

Hitherto they have been unsuccessful, but every additional year's experience tends to confirm the soundness and importance of their views.

It is well known that every great commercial country has Ministers of Cabinet rank, to whom the interests of agriculture, commerce, and manufactures are intrusted, and it is somewhat remarkable that the United States have not followed their example.

They have, however, felt the necessity for some care of these great interests, and, by partial legislation, confided them in some measure to the Treasury Department, and to bureaus with limited objects and powers.

The present magnitude of the finances of the country, the management of the funded debt, the devising of measures for the support of the public credit, and the submission of plans for raising revenue are now quite as great burdens as should be laid on the Treasury, while the mass of other important but diversified objects now thrown there by the legislation of nearly a century demand separation and special care.

An examination of the laws devolving duties on the Treasury will satisfy any one who takes an interest in the subject that many important matters cannot receive such care and attention as they should have.

They must, of necessity, be referred by the Secretary to subordinate officers and clerks for consideration, and the result of such references is partial and temporary expedients to dispose of daily work, without any systematic comprehensive consideration.

The foreign and domestic commerce of the country is of such immense proportions, and is affected in its movements by so many laws, customs, and usages, that a careful study of them would furnish full occupation for a mind of the first order, aided by all the light that could be thrown on them by the examination and reports of subordinate officers.

In the regulations for our foreign and coastwise trade there are many features that the introduction of railroad, canal, and river transit have rendered inappropriate, if not oppressive.

Tonnage-taxes, measurements, registry-enrollments, and licenses are required for ships and barges going to the same points by water that are vessels inland by cars, while the latter are almost wholly exempt from any Governmental supervision. The steam engines, hull, and equipment of a new steamer are required to be examined, proved, and passed by a United States Inspector, for insuring the safety of passengers and freight, while the locomotive and its train of cars are running alongside of the steamboat in unimpeded and dangerous independence.

One set of commercial vehicles may be inspected and cared for too much and another set too little, but both sets should have the benefit of intelligent supervision and regulation.

So also of rivers and harbors, light-houses, port regulations, pilotage, quarantine regulations, and emigrants, the provisions for which should be adequate and uniform.

Then, of the internal revenue, tax, and tariff laws had been framed by the Secretary of the Treasury, and adopted by Congress, the practical application of such laws, and the collections to be made under them, should be with the Department of Commerce. The influence of such laws on the industrial interests of the nation would constantly be in view, and recommendations for their amendment could be made from the practical knowledge of their workings, which such special and high responsibility would give.

And so also of the agriculture, manufactures, and mines of the country, the statistics of which should be carefully and systematically collected and compared, with a view to fostering them, by the use of such powers as are granted to the National Government, and by the diffusion of information among the people as to their value, extent, and completeness.

At the regulation of commerce among the several States and with foreign nations is confided to Congress by the Constitution, the need for the investigation of the whole of such inter-State traffic is quite important, and has hitherto been almost entirely neglected, and it is daily becoming more and more a matter of public concern.

How far, and with what minuteness of object and detail, such trade should be legislated for by Congress, would be the determination of Commerce should act as advisory to State authorities, it is quite impossible now to define.

But at present it is clear that, so far as national legislation has been suggested, the projects are crude and indefinite; and so far as the legislation of States, or the want of it, goes, there is no central thinking mind considering such important problems, and gathering the information and producing it in such form as would have weight in bringing about the passage of uniform State laws, where they are so manifestly necessary and important.

Under more concentrated views the vast and complicated interests of the United States, and the constant and extensive dealings its citizens have with each other, the more clear and conclusive does it become that some better plan than we now have should be adopted for the study and care of their interests.

As we have advanced in population, wealth, and diversified interests and industries, the executive departments have increased in numbers (the Navy, Interior, and Justice have been added to the three originally established; and the Post-Office, which, as well as the office of Attorney-General, were originally subordinate, have been elevated to what are known as Cabinet places.

The great interests of agriculture, commerce, manufactures, and mining, still linger in the Treasury or the Interior, and have hitherto at best only reached partially to bureaus.

If such a department as we have asked for shall be established, it will soon be found that the objects for its care, which I have only and imperfectly enumerated, will greatly increase in number as well as importance.

I let any one place himself, in imagination, in the commercial or manufacturing world at the time of the adoption of the Federal Constitution, and compare that world with the present. He will then begin to think, if he has not hitherto done so, of the infinite variety of what was originally sufficient then, for government and for the people, falls very short now for meeting the public exigencies.

The great patriots, in careful wisdom, limited the number of executive officers of the Government by the wants of a young nation of then limited and undeveloped capacities. The feeble and struggling few, just emerged from the fatal blood of a seven years' war of independence, became a gigantic nation, and it is bound to enlarge its ideas and provide adequately for all its wants.

I have stated, as the outcast of this report, that every foreign government of any commercial importance has a Department of Commerce or its political equivalent.

Selecting from these that of Great Britain, as an object for comparison, we find in her Board of Trade many of the elements that should be used by us for our Department of Commerce.

That Board of Trade was established in 1660, with quite limited powers, and was tried a while, as if to feel its way, abolished, and after several efforts the foundations were laid for it on which it now rests. By general legislation it has had confided to it almost every subject that concerns the material welfare of mankind.

Many of the members of the Board are familiar with the pamphlet printed by order of the Executive Council in 1871.

The duties of the English Board of Trade are thus enumerated in the description furnished by its Secretary, Sir Louis Mallet: "To examine and report on matters relating to trade and commerce, involving an extensive correspondence with the mercantile interests of the country; to advise other departments upon such subjects; the Foreign Office in commercial matters; the Home Office, with respect to the treaties with foreign States; the Home Office, with respect to the grant of and provisions of charters or letters patent by the Crown; and the Treasury, in matters connected with the customs and navigation laws; to superintend the conduct of all bills and questions before Parliament which relate to commerce, and to exercise some control over all private bills so far as the protection of the public interest may be concerned."

To enable it to discharge these duties, special acts of Parliament in vast numbers, and embracing a great variety of subjects, have been passed, and railways, shipping, and fisheries, harbors, docks, gas-works, municipal affairs, water and gas-works, statistics, etc., etc., have been placed under its supervision, and, to a large extent, too, under its control.

Of course, instead of the creation of our National Government, the control of a Department of Commerce would also be limited; but its usefulness as an organ for gathering information, diffusing it and collecting it, and its facilities for legislation in the proper quarters, would be incalculable.

I have very imperfectly sketched my views on the subject, and can only add that my experience of the business of the country, and my study of much information, and the insufficiency of our present National laws for its care, all concur in making it a matter of most earnest and continued attention on the part of our associations that a Department of Commerce shall be established at an early day, and be clothed with adequate power for comprehensive usefulness.

For accomplishing such a result, I complete the duty assigned me by preparing and submitting the accompanied draught of a bill for that purpose. Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK FRALEY, President.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

The following are the provisions of the proposed Department of Commerce, which the Chairman was instructed to prepare for presentation to Congress, was also read:

Be it enacted, etc., That there shall be, and hereby is, an executive department, to be called the Department of Commerce. Said department shall be charged with the supervision and care of the agricultural, commercial, and manufacturing interests of the United States, in so far as the same may be confided to the National Government by the Constitution.

2. Said department shall be charged with the execution of all the laws of the United States relating to trade and commerce, both foreign and domestic; to rivers and harbors; to lighthouses, port charges, quarantine, emigration, pilotage, tonnage, and the instruments of registry, enrollment and licensing of vessels, and, generally, of all matters included in the navigation laws; and shall have the supervision and control of all officers and agents appointed to carry all such laws into effect.

3. Said department shall also be charged with the execution of the laws of the United States, imposing duties on imports; and taxes and excises pertaining to internal revenue, in so far as the same relate to the direction, and control of the Collectors and other officers employed under such laws.

4. Said department shall collect, collate, and tabulate statistics relating to the agriculture, commerce, manufactures, and mining of the United States; and publish and circulate the same in such manner as may be provided by law.

5. Said department shall from time to time communicate to the other executive departments the information received by it, from its correspondence and inquiries, on matters under the care of said Department; accompanying the same with such suggestions as may be useful for correcting defects in treaties, laws, or regulations, or for the amendment of the same; for the protection of the persons and interests of the people of the United States, and for the extension of its trade.

6. Said department shall carefully examine and compare all State laws and regulations on the subject of agriculture, manufactures, mining, trade and commerce; and also all local usages, customs, and charges which affect commerce, among the several States; and where the same shall be found solely under the control of the several States, endeavor by correspondence with the State Governments to secure uniformity in the State laws on those subjects.

7. In so far as this act shall operate to transfer powers and duties from other executive departments to this department hereby established, the Secretary of said department shall, after sending a copy with the Secretary of the Department from which such transfers are to be made, report to the President what transfers should be made; and, on the approval thereof by the President, such transfers shall be carried into effect; and the clerks and other officers connected therewith shall be placed under the supervision and control of the Department of Commerce.

8. There shall be in said department shall be a Secretary and Assistant Secretary, to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. They shall hold these offices for the same time, and under the same provisions as to their compensation, as may be payable to the Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries of the Treasury Department. In the absence or inability of the Secretary to act, the Assistant Secretary shall act pro tempore.

9. There shall be a chief clerk, and such additional clerks and other officers as may be provided by law, who shall be appointed by the Secretary, receive such compensation as may be fixed by law, and hold their offices at the pleasure of the Secretary.

10. The Secretary of said department shall annually, in the month of October, make a report to the President, to be by him laid before Congress at its next session; which report shall contain an account of the operations of the department for the year ending on the 30th day of June preceding said report. And in said reports the Secretary shall make such suggestions for the amendment of the laws relating to the regulations that pertain to the matters confided to the care of the department, as from the information received by it, or from the experience of the practical working of the laws, he shall deem of importance to the public interest.

11. That so much of any law as is hereby altered or supplied be and the same is hereby repealed."

FOR AND AGAINST THE REPORT AND ACT.

Mr. Allen, of Philadelphia, had listened to the report with satisfaction, and hoped the Executive Committee would be requested to continue its efforts with Congress to secure a Department such as was mentioned, and that the report be accepted.

Mr. Bromberg, of Mobile, held it was a step in the wrong direction. The power of the Federal Government was large enough. He hoped the consideration of the matter would be postponed till Thursday.

Mr. Allen did not suppose the matter would cause any debate, it had been indorsed so often by the Board. The Board would stultify its actions were it to change its course.

Mr. Bromberg simply asked for time.

Mr. Baker opposed the motion for postponement. If there was to be discussion, let it come at once and have the matter disposed of.

The motion to postpone was lost.

Mr. Bromberg asked what was under consideration, the report or the act?

The Chair said the act would first come up.

Mr. Allen urged his motion, previously made.

Mr. Bromberg favored the bureau, but not the bill, which should not be adopted without discussion. Hence he moved to take it up by sections. If it was to be referred right back to the Committee, there was no use in making it.

Mr. Bonner, of St. Louis, thought that if Mr. Allen's motion prevailed the bill was substantially adopted as a basis for action. Hence the bill should be acted on.

Mr. Davis, of Ohio, hoped the title would not be changed. "Department of Commerce" covered the whole ground.

Mr. Busby, of Philadelphia, hoped the bill would be taken just as it was; send it to Congress, and secure its passage if possible.

A REFERENCE PREFERRED.

Mr. Stranahan preferred to refer the whole matter to the Executive Committee, with power to urge upon Congress the adoption of some act. To discuss every section of the act was a waste of time.

Mr. Baker thought Mr. Bromberg could offer a resolution that the Executive Committee urge the adoption of the bill with amendments which he could suggest. There was a Bureau of Agriculture. Could not they make a new department, to include agriculture, commerce, and mining? If they put in the first, it would make it popular.

Mr. Grosvenor, of Providence, said the act had just come in. He moved to postpone till Thursday morning, so that members could examine it.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Fraley, of Ohio, was pleased with the report, and favored the act, except the name. They ought to have it a Department of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Nourse suggested to gentlemen that they propose a change of title. Perhaps it proposed to put in other branches of business, which were all productive, while it was peculiarly commerce that was aimed at. It would be well for gentlemen to consider how far they were putting this in other pending, live interests under the control of Congress.

AN EXPLANATION FROM THE CHAIR.

The Chair stated that whenever the Council had been at Washington and proposed the establishment of a Department, it had been suggested their views were indefinite—that something specific was wanted. Agriculture, manufactures and commerce were so interwoven that they must all be included in order to make any progress. There was a Bureau of Agriculture, and one of statistics,

CHEAP TRANSPORTATION.

Meeting of the Northwestern Farmers' Convention.

Delegates Present from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Nebraska.

Discussion of Resolutions Relative to Water Transportation.

Election of Officers---Important Topics to Be Discussed To-Day.

MORNING SESSION.

THE NORTHWESTERN FARMERS' CONVENTION assembled in McCormick's Hall at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The attendance at the opening was very large. The fine hall looked as neat as a new pin but was as chilly as an iceberg.

The meeting was called to order by the Hon. W. C. Flagg, of Illinois, who read the call as published in THE TRIBUNE yesterday.

MR. FLAGG THEN STATED

that this call had been understood by the editor of the Indianapolis *Sentinel* to favor the abolition of railways instead of railway *monopolies* as expressed in the call, a misconception that could only have arisen from the fear of limiting railways at that great central focus of railway tracks. The objects of the Convention, called by the Committee were three: 1. Cheap transportation, embracing water transportation; regulations by legislation, State and National, of railway and Government railways. 2. Perfecting organization in and between the several States. 3. Perfecting and pressing upon State and National legislation the most easy and prompt methods of relief. The Central Committee of the Illinois State Farmers' Association had taken the responsibility of calling the Convention and naming these topics as proper for the discussion of the Convention. He would ask the Convention to nominate a Temporary Chairman.

TEMPORARY OFFICERS.

W. C. Flagg was nominated as Temporary Chairman, and unanimously elected.

Mr. Flagg declined to serve.

Mr. C. D. Benan, of Wabcan, Iowa, was nominated and unanimously elected.

Mr. Bemax expressed his pleasure at the Convention. He was on his way to New York to organize a State Grange there, but remembering that the Convention was in session, he remained there. The question of cheap transportation was one of importance to the States of Iowa and Illinois especially, which alone produced last year 400,000,000 bushels of grain, most of which was conveyed to the seaboard.

Mr. Hitt, of Oregon, was nominated Temporary Secretary, and elected. Mr. Hitt could not serve.

Mr. S. M. Smith, Secretary of the Illinois organization, was appointed to the place.

CREDENTIALS.

A motion was made to appoint a Committee on Credentials, during the discussion of which Mr. S. M. Smith stated that proxies had been taken against the interest of the issue of admission tickets, and the appointment of a door-keeper, who would aid in protecting the Convention.

The announcement was received with cheers.

It was decided to appoint upon the Committee two delegates from each State and Province. When completed, the Committee was found to consist of the following delegates:

Wisconsin---B. Schopp, M. M. Hootan.

Indiana---Henry Doupp, W. K. Lockhard.

Wisconsin---O. B. Goeder.

Iowa---S. H. Dorsey, A. S. Shafer.

New York---H. S. Clark.

The Committee retired, and the Convention adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THE CONVENTION REASSEMBLED AT 2 P. M.

Dr. Wight (Wisconsin) moved the appointment of a committee of three on permanent organization.

O. M. Wight, Wisconsin; D. W. Dane, Illinois, and S. Clark, New York, were appointed.

The Committee retired.

Mr. E. Pomfret, Illinois, offered a resolution limiting speeches to ten minutes.

It was ruled out of order at that time.

Mr. Lane, of Illinois, suggested that they have short addresses while waiting for the Committee.

Mr. Boone, of Jo Daviess County, said he would like to hear from Mr. S. T. A. Prime, who was one of the originators of the movement, and the author of the Livingston County Platform.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

The Committee on Credentials were announced, and the Chairman reported the names of delegates, as follows:

Illinois---Wright Kemp; J. H. Elliott; G. M. Palmer, Bureau County; John Sweeny, Putnam; A. Maltby, Ogle; J. P. Tripp, Boone; F. W. Lewis, Livingston; John W. Patton; Edwin Lewis, LaSalle; Lafayette Anderson, Stevenson; John Snalling, LaSalle; A. D. Fisher, Putnam; P. H. Hodges, Wayne; W. Belding; George H. Marsh, Kane; B. B. Mason, Cook; Behind him, ---; Edwin Harris, Lake; Charles Boone, Jo Daviess; H. M. Milliken, Stephenson; C. F. Ingalls, Amboy; Edwin Lewis, La Salle; T. D. Church, Clark; Charles Lewis, Livingston; Dr. H. D. Farah, Wayne; Otis Baker, Grundy; A. A. Cooke, Kane; F. B. McCauley, Ogle; D. H. Meteke, Iroquois; W. H. Ives, Christian; Oliver Talbot, Ogle; C. H. Larkin, Kane; Philles Hutchings, Iroquois; J. M. Thompson, Ogle; William C. Dunlop, Boone; H. N. Ingersoll, Will; Silas Hayes, Livingston; A. P. Coffeen, Champaign; H. R. Conkling, Grundy; A. P. Loomis, Cumberland; W. G. McGill, Mason; Henry Funk, Shelby; Henry Mariage, Piatt; Jesse Bush, Piatt; W. Lane, Ogle; G. S. Peabody, Christian; Hiram Whittemore, Kankakee; A. Harper, Bureau; S. H. Wright, LaSalle; Joseph Hart, LaSalle; George Wallace, LaSalle; S. A. Greene, Marshall; George Sebolee, Marshall; A. S. Myers, Marshall; G. W. Lambert, Livingston; E. J. Sutherland, Fulton; Lyman Ross, Macoupin; R. D. Ward, Christian; C. S. Gilchilis, Ogle; William Henry Green, McDonough; Thomas E. Compton, Iroquois; N. G. Searles, Kankakee; S. Hutchinson, Henderson; A. McDougall, Hancock; Hiram Hunter, Henderson; Thomas Bishop, Kane; H. W. Rincker, Shelby; Alfred G. Willards, Iroquois; A. J. Graves, Boone; John W. Hitt, Ogle; M. King, Henry; B. F. McCutcheon, Ogle; George B. Carroll, Ogle; W. H. Gilbert, Kane; Dr. Daniel Hall, Kane; H. M. Whitmore, Livingston; Dr. Hall, Kane; Edgerton, Livingston; Dr. Hall, Kane; Edgerton, Livingston; Dr. Hall, Kane; Edgerton

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ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Halsted street, between Madison and Monroe. Engagement of Carlotta LeClercq. "The New Magdalen."

MYERS' OPERA-HOUSE—Monroe street, between Dearborn and State. "Funny Mouse in a Fog." Minstrelsy and comicalities.

GLOBE THEATRE—Desplaines street, between Madison and Washington. Engagement of Louise Hawthorne. "Four Christmas Nights."

INTER-STATE EXPOSITION—Lake-Shore, foot of Adams street.

UNION PARK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—Lecture by Wong Chin Foo on "Chinese History."

KAHN'S ANATOMICAL MUSEUM—148 South Clark-st. Science and Art.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

ELEGANT FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD goods; also, a grand piano, at auction, this morning, 10 a. m., at 245 Michigan-av. WILLIS, LONG & CO., Auctioneers.

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The Chicago Tribune.

Thursday Morning, October 23, 1873.

The French Assembly meets again next Wednesday, but the motion for the establishment of the Constitutional Monarchy will not be made until Nov. 5.

In the Stokes trial, yesterday, several physicians testified positively that Fisk died from the effects of narcotic drugs administered during his last illness, and not from the wound received from Stokes.

The Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners have completed all the schedules of freight and passenger rates for the roads of this State, and they are now in the hands of the printers. Some of the alterations made in the tariffs will be found in our Springfield dispatch.

Mayor Medill, on Tuesday evening last, was the guest of the Lord Mayor of London, at a banquet given by the latter, and replied to the toast: "The Municipal Institutions of America." In the course of his speech, he took occasion to thank England for the assistance rendered Chicago after the fire.

Mr. Shanks, the city editor of the New York *Tribune*, has been committed to jail in Brooklyn for contempt of court, in refusing to disclose the name of the writer of an article in that paper commenting upon the action of one of the Brooklyn City Judges. A writ of *habeas corpus* has been issued in the case, returnable to-day.

In nine counties of Iowa, from which complete returns have been received, Vale's vote is 15,985; Carpenter's, 14,508; total, 30,488; Vale's majority, 1,482. In the same counties, in 1872, Greeley's vote was 15,238; Grant's, 18,710; Grant's majority, 3,472. Vale gains on Greeley's vote 747, and Carpenter loses on Grant's 4,207. The total vote is decreased 3,460.

The Territorial Grand Jury at Yankton has brought in an indictment of manslaughter only against P. P. Wintermute, the banker, who killed Gen. McCook, a few weeks ago. The friends of the deceased are very indignant, and charge that improper influences have been brought to bear upon the jury. The Court also dismissed the jury in a very uncomplimentary manner.

The reports from the South concerning the progress of the yellow fever pestilence are again of the most gloomy description. A warm rain at Memphis, for the past day or two, has aggravated the fever and increased the death-rate, the City Registrar and Secretary of the Board of Health being among the victims yesterday. In Columbus, Miss., the fever has broken out in very violent form, and those who can are flying from the city. At several points in Texas, also, the mortality is on the increase.

The Postmaster-General yesterday issued an order which is of general interest in this city. It increases the number of letter-carriers thirteen, which gives Chicago in all 149 carriers, and establishes five new postal stations, to be known as the North, Northwest, South, Southwest, and Stock-Yards stations; and appropriates about $16,000 per annum for the expenses of each. This substantial increase of postal facilities is one which has long been needed, and will relieve the main office of the pressure upon it, besides more thoroughly accommodating those living in the outskirts of the city.

John Bright, who was re-elected to Parliament a few days since, made a great speech yesterday in Birmingham, in which he reviewed the political topics of the day. In his allusions to the relations of Great Britain and the United States, he once more appeared as the staunch friend and advocate of this country. Referring to the constant talk about the humiliations of the Washington Treaty, Mr. Bright indulged in some plain home talk, and notified his hearers that the real humiliation of England was between the years 1861 and 1865, and that, if the press and aristocracy of England had observed ordinary fairness at that time, there would have been no occasion for the treaty at all.

The Chicago produce markets were rather more active yesterday, except in provisions, but the majority were easier in prices. Mess pork was dull and 10@15c per barrel lower, at $13.00 @13.25 cash, and $12.30@12.40 seller December. Lard was less active, and ½c per lb lower, at 7⅞ @7¾c cash, and 7¾@7⅞c seller January. Meats were quiet at 6¾@6¾c for short ribs; 6¾@7c for short clear, and 8¼@9½c for sweet pickled hams. Highwines were active and a shade firmer, at 90c per gallon. Lake freights were moderately active, and ½c lower, closing at 8c for corn to Buffalo. Flour was quiet and unchanged. Wheat was less active, and steady on cash, which closed at $1.04, while 1c lower for November, closing at $1.02½. Corn was active, and ¼c lower, closing at 37⅝c cash, and 38¼c seller November. Oats were active and steady, closing at 32½c cash or seller November. Rye was dull and 1c lower, at 62@63c. Barley was active and steady, closing at $1.32 for No. 2, and $1.00 for No. 3. Hogs sold slowly at a decline of 10c, closing weak at $3.80@4.40. The cattle and sheep markets were dull and weak.

The Farmers' Convention commenced its session yesterday, with delegates in attendance from Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana, and New York. During the day, nothing was accomplished beyond effecting a permanent organization by the election of James M. Allen, President, and S. M. Smith and S. T. K. Prime, Secretaries, and the appointment of committees. At the evening session, the question of transportation was brought up by the introduction of resolutions favoring the construction of a ship-canal from the Atlantic seaboard, via the lakes and the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers, to the Gulf of Mexico; also, air-line, double-track freight-roads to New York City. The resolutions elicited a long and spirited, but somewhat desultory, discussion, which resulted in their reference to the Committee on Resolutions.

The financial news this morning is of a general nature rather than local to New York, where the situation remains unchanged. The principal excitement on Wall street was the question whether the President did or did not say that he was in favor of purchasing $5,000,000 in foreign exchange and $10,000,000 more of bonds, and intended to draw on the legal-tender reserve at the rate of $3,000,000 per week for some weeks to come. The Secretary of the Treasury insists that the President did not say so, while one New York financier, who interviewed the President, and another, who received a letter from him on the subject, insist that he did. Meanwhile, the President is thinking a great deal about it and saying nothing, as usual. The New York Clearing-House will hold a meeting to-day to consider the subject. The only other items of financial interest are that the indebtedness of the New York banks is $14,000,000 larger than it was last year at this time; that Secretary Richardson is in favor of issuing a series of currency bonds, convertible into greenbacks and back into bonds at the holder's option; that the Comptroller of the Currency is in favor of issuing $25,000,000 more of greenbacks, and leveling up the banking capital with it by distribution in the West and South, instead of taking that amount from the Eastern banks; and that the Western Bar-Iron Association has determined to reduce the price of iron, which involves the reduction of the wages of employes.

The National Board of Trade, at its session yesterday, commenced the serious work of the week. The topics presented for discussion were the Bankruptcy Laws, the Shipping Interest, the necessities for the creation of Departments of Commerce and Trade, under the charge of the General Government, and Transportation. The report of the Committee of the Executive Council on amendments to the Bankruptcy law of 1867, was in the interest of bringing settlements into the hands of debtors and creditors. It contained five recommendations: 1. The abolition of the whole system of fees and substitution of fixed salaries. 2. The enlargement of the discretionary powers of Assignees. 3. The appointment of a committee of creditors to authorize settlements, direct sales, and audit Assignees' accounts. 4. The complete administration on property to devolve upon this Committee and Assignee. 5. The fixing by United States law of property exempt from assignment. Three resolutions were presented on the shipping question, the first providing for Congressional bounties to shipbuilders; the second, releasing from duty all articles of foreign production needed for subsistence and use on vessels; and the third, allowing the purchase of tonnage wherever built or owned, and its protection under the American flag. The resolutions gave rise to a long discussion, which was in the main hostile to giving any protection to shipbuilders, and, at its close, the resolutions were defeated *seriatim*, although it is probable that the second and third may be reconsidered to-day. The report of the Chairman of the Board, inclosing a draft of a bill for the establishing of another Executive Department of the Government, to have charge of all matters pertaining to commerce and navigation, was referred back again to the Executive Committee, with instructions to press the matter on Congress. Another report, in favor of establishing a similar Department of Trade, was postponed. The last report of the day was on Transportation, and was made the special order for this morning. The report, in substance, is in favor of Congressional prevention of unjust railroad discriminations, and of placing a permanent check upon railroad exactions by fostering competition by water routes,—the same position which was taken by Mr. Morgan in his recent speech.

THE CITY TREASURER.

The *Staats-Zeitung* has an article proposing various conundrums to the City Treasurer, wanting to know whether Mr. Gage has paid all of the interest on the city deposits into the City Treasury; whether the city money is so deposited that if it was all called for in an instant of time it would all be forthcoming; whether any of the city money was used to prevent banks from failing during the panic, etc., etc.

There is another conundrum which we wish to propound to the *Staats-Zeitung*, viz.: *how much* interest on city deposits was paid into the City Treasury during all the time that Mr. Hesing was potent in city politics? Or, if that form of putting it is not satisfactory, how much interest on city deposits was paid into the Treasury *prior to the election of Mr. Gage*? It has been officially stated that Mr. Gage has paid into the Treasury $130,829.07 in the way of interest on city deposits. Is not that $130,829.07 *more* than was paid by all his predecessors put together? We venture to say that it is $130,829.07 more than any Hesing politician, or Mr. Hesing himself, would have paid. There is no law requiring the City Treasurer to pay one cent of interest into the Treasury. When Mr. Gage was nominated four years ago, the utmost efforts were used to get some expression from the clique that Mr. Hesing was identified with on the subject of paying interest on the city deposits, but in vain. They ignored it in the campaign and defeated it in the Common Council. Their theory was that the *Treasurer* should have the interest on the deposits, and that he should divide with those who were smart enough to get any of it away from him, and that he should bleed freely for election expenses. Before the *Zeitung* becomes ferocious on this subject we beg that it will answer another question, viz.: Did Mr. Hesing ever support a candidate for City Treasurer who ever paid one cent of interest into the Treasury? If so, when? What is his name? Trot him out.

If, as the *Zeitung* apprehends, the Finance Committee of the Council are not capable of making an impartial and truthful count of the city money, it is optional with Mr. Hesing to go to the City Treasury and make an investigation for himself. If he is not satisfied with the showing on the several bank-books kept by Mr. Gage exhibiting the city balances, he can make copies of them and go around to the banks and ask whether the balances are correctly stated. He can even carry his investigation to the extent of asking the banks to show him the amount of currency which the city balance calls for. If he is not then satisfied he must be a very unreasonable person.

BOUTWELL ON PANICS.

Mr. Vansittart, Chancellor of Exchequer of the British Empire, during a suspension of specie payments, once introduced a resolution into Parliament declaring that "the notes of the Bank of England are now and always have been of equal value with the coin of the realm." Notwithstanding Parliament was stupid enough to adopt his resolution, Mr. Vansittart has ever since been the laughing-stock of financiers and statesmen at home and abroad. The extracts with which we have been favored from Mr. Boutwell's lecture on "Finance," delivered in New York Tuesday evening, indicate that he regards greenbacks in the same light that Mr. Vansittart regarded the depreciated notes of the Bank of England. This is what he must have meant when he declared that there is no need of resuming specie payments, but only "to equalize the commercial value of the paper currency of the country with coin." If this is to be done in any other way than by resuming specie payments, we presume it must be in imitation of the Vansittart policy, by a resolution of Congress! The people who should, after this, refuse to sell their property for gold and greenbacks on the same terms would suffer the withering penalty of Mr. Boutwell's indignation. He is willing to concede something, however, to the insensate demand of some folks that money shall have a fixed value; and so he says that the Government may some day resume, but that it is entirely impracticable for the banks to do so. That is to say, if the banks redeem their notes in legal tender, as they are now required to do, and Government redeems the legal-tender notes with coin, it would be impracticable for the banks to resume specie payments! In other words, there is some mysterious and metaphysical obstacle which will prevent the banks from sending the legal tender, which they hold for the redemption of their own notes, to the Treasury Department at Washington to get coin for them, as it becomes necessary. These are the words of wisdom which Mr. Boutwell, the ex-Secretary of the Treasury, throws out to the country to set the public mind right on the subject of the National finances and the recent panic.

Mr. Boutwell thinks that it is never possible to say whether the currency is inflated or not. It is, as Dundreary says, "one of those things that no fellow can be expected to understand." His own opinion is, that there is not enough currency, and he advises that the Government printing-machine be immediately set to work to turn out more greenbacks. This is precisely the same thing as if a County Poor-Agent, finding the supply of soup running short, should issue more soup-tickets to the paupers. Greenbacks are of precisely of the same character as soup-tickets or milk-tickets, with the difference that they are taken in exchange for a greater variety of commodities. There are just as many of these Government soup-tickets in the country as there were before Jay Cooke's failure, but, as there is not so much soup as was generally supposed, Mr. Boutwell thinks that the whole thing can be remedied by printing more tickets. He does not dream that the tickets themselves will ever depreciate. He can fix that by joint resolution. If, as Mr. Boutwell says, the amount of currency needed by the country is a matter of uncertainty, then experiment is the way to determine it. Mr. Boutwell's plan would be to flood the country with greenbacks, and, after this had been done, there would be no better means for deciding the question than there is now. If greenbacks were redeemable in gold, a superabundance would soon relieve itself by sending greenbacks into the Treasury for redemption. If greenbacks are not now plenty enough, as Mr. Boutwell believes, then there is no possible danger in resumption, for the Government would not be called upon to redeem a single one of them.

Mr. Boutwell makes a historical mistake in his effort to explain why the French loan sold at a higher rate than our bonds placed upon the market about the same time. He says that the French per cent bonds were placed in the hands of bankers at 83 or 84 cents and sold for 84 or 85 cents, while our bonds were sold at par. The fact is that all French loans are offered directly from the French Treasury, and brokers have nothing to do with them.

It is not surprising that Mr. Boutwell, who has openly expressed his conviction that "there is no such thing as a science of political economy," should boggle over the "balance of trade," which, he says, "has been largely against us for many years." That is, if we export to England $1,000 worth of wheat, and it is exchanged there for $1,200 worth of woolen goods, and is so entered on the import returns at the Custom-House, the balance of trade is against us. The fact of the matter is, that we have made $200 profit on the trade. In this respect, the "balance of trade" has always been largely against England, and this is precisely why England has been getting rich out of her trade. As the balance of trade is one of Mr. Boutwell's principal causes of the panic, and inflation of the currency is his remedy, it is idle to discuss the matter with him. The fact that a man who utters such views as these was for several years, and up to a very short time since, Secretary of the United States Treasury, would, in the absence of other causes, be almost enough in itself to account for a panic.

It appears that all the Shah's troubles, since he has returned to Teheran, have been occasioned by the refractory wives whom he sent back to his capital when he had reached St. Petersburgh. They have been taking sweet revenge on the Grand Vizier, whom they first induced the Shah to dismiss. Afterwards the Grand Vizier was recalled, and then again sent off as Governor of a distant province. The trouble is that the Shah does not know how to govern his country without the Grand Vizier, and he certainly can't govern his wives with him. The amount of petticoat tyranny which a man with one Xantippe experiences is increased in the case of the Shah, whose miseries are multiplied by several hundred.

HOW "CITIZENS" ARE MANUFACTURED.

The curious citizen, by visiting the offices of the Clerks of the Superior, Circuit, or Criminal Courts of this county, may witness the process by which American citizens are manufactured. A wholesale business is now going on. It is well that the Clerks of these Courts should understand that this business of naturalization is regulated by law, and that a neglect of the law not only vitiates the assumed naturalization, but renders the officers issuing such papers liable to severe penalties.

Naturalization is a judicial proceeding, and the finding of a Court thereon is a judgment. A Clerk cannot perform a judicial act. The application to be admitted to citizenship must be made in open court. It is not sufficient that it be made before the Clerk out of court. (See second clause of Sec. 1, act of April 12, 1802.) Sec. 3 of the act of May 26, 1824, provides that the *declaration of intention* to become a citizen may be made before the Clerk of the Court; this leaves the rest of the act of 1802 in force, requiring application for citizenship to be made and proofs to be presented before the Court. The Judges of the several courts of this county were so strongly impressed with the importance of suppressing the practice of illegal naturalization so long in vogue here, that, some years ago, they jointly ordered that all applications should be presented to them in open court, to be determined by them as in any other judicial proceeding. For that purpose courts were held, and each year since then a Judge has held court for that purpose. Is this wise precaution to be abandoned? Are the Clerks of these Courts to be permitted to go on issuing certificates of citizenship upon no other warrant or authority than the presentation of a printed card bearing the name of "Miles Kehoe"? Is Miles Kehoe a judicial officer, competent to perform a judicial act or to render a judgment? Is he a legal functionary whose orders and decrees the Clerks of the several Courts acknowledge as binding upon them? We ask for information, and we shall repeat the inquiry until this reckless travesty of law, under the noses of our Courts, is stopped.

SAFE-KEEPING OF COURT-RECORDS.

There is just now a controversy in the United States District Court concerning the unexplained disappearance of the depositions and other papers in a suit brought against the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, which suggests a class of similar raids on court-records which can only be stopped by the most summary measures. In the present instance, the papers that have disappeared belonged to the defendant's side, and the natural presumption in all cases is against the party whose cause is jeopardized by the existence and production of the missing documents. The counsel for the Hartford Insurance Company in this case charges the theft of the papers upon the other party as a matter of presumption. The complainant, on the other hand, makes affidavit denying the charge, and setting forth that it was not in his interest to have the papers suppressed. He further states that he called on defendant's counsel on one occasion to ask him if he knew anything about the missing papers, and that said counsel not only did not "dissemble his love," but kicked him down stairs. The kicking is apparently brought in to excite the sympathy of the bystanders, as it is not made the foundation of an action for assault and battery. Here are the two counter-charges, of the particular merits of which THE TRIBUNE has no means of judging. We have recapitulated them simply for the purpose of showing the complications and hardships which the disappearance of papers once filed in court is pretty sure to bring about.

There is only one certain way to prevent the frequent recurrence of these "mysterious disappearances" which are common not only to the Chicago courts, but to those of nearly every city in the country, delaying the proceedings, and sometimes defeating the ends of justice. This is the adoption of the rule which obtains in the English courts, positively prohibiting the taking of any papers out of court after they have once been filed, and providing a severe penalty for any infringement on this rule. The principle upon which this practice is based is, that the papers in the case become the property of the court, and it is both a right and a duty to protect them. They are put in charge of the clerk, who will take orders for copies of the papers, the applicant giving time to do the work of copying, and paying the actual expense thereof. By this practice, the papers are not locked out from reference or inspection, but their safe-keeping is rendered absolutely certain. No one but the clerk or custodian is allowed to go over or handle them. The practice of our courts is just the reverse. The keeping of the papers on file is so careless that almost any habitue of the courts, whose face is known to the attaches, may "go through" the papers. The opportunity thus offered for purloining and suppressing documents is ample for any one disposed to do it. So long as the courts do not adopt some absolute rule, such as we have indicated, carelessness will inevitably prevail, and just as inevitably there will be losses of material documents by accident and by theft.

MR. CURTIS ON THE CIVIL SERVICE.

When Mr. George William Curtis resigned his position in the Civil-Service Commission, there was a general effort on the part of the Administration press to convince the country that his action was not prompted by any dissatisfaction with the progress made in Civil-Service Reform. For a long time Mr. Curtis was absent from his editorial chair, and the silence of *Harper's Weekly* on the subject was accepted as a confirmation of the general statement that he is still with the President, with the Party, and with the "Reform" as conducted under their auspices. Mr. Curtis has recently returned to his work, and one of the first evidences of it is a scorching article in reply to the statement made in the report of the Examining Board of the Treasury, to the effect that one of the chief embarrassments the Board had encountered is the public disbelief of the reality and thoroughness of the reform. Mr. Curtis finds this incredulity entirely natural, and fully warranted by the evidences the people have had of the progress of the work. He refers to the pretentious disapproval the President has made of political assessments, and then adds: "*But, in total contempt of his orders, they levy assessments, desert their posts of duty, assume the management of all party assemblies, and continue to use patronage as a party lever.* If these gentlemen were sure that their illicit use of official power was sternly disapproved, they would hardly be so eager to shout for Gen. Butler in Massachusetts, or to manage the Convention in New York, or to take the Legislature up the river in Louisiana." It will be seen that Mr. Curtis does not hesitate to place the responsibility for the evils of our Civil Service where it properly belongs,—with President Grant. He says that the people have no means of ascertaining positively whether the Civil-Service rules are observed with regard to the subordinate places, whether the appointments in this class are made upon proper examination or not, but they do know that President Grant does not promote an efficient Deputy when a Postmaster is removed; that he does not remove Postmaster Filley, of St. Louis (and he might have added the Collector of Customs in New York, the Naval Officer and Surveyor of Baltimore), when they are guilty of the most flagrant violations of the rules; that he does not accept the resignation of Collector Casey, of New Orleans, though his offenses have been frequent and outrageous. He says that all these are tangible facts, "not isolated, but constantly recurring," and that, as the President's will is the spring of the whole movement, "his real disposition upon the subject can be seen more plainly in his discretionary action" than in the hidden processes of departments. Mr. Curtis thus finds the suspicion of the people as to the genuineness of the reform to be well founded, and the whole tenor of his article leaves no doubt that he only *differs from* the people in *knowing* that the spirit of the reform does not prevail while the people only *suspect* it. He charges it as the rule of the present Civil Service that public officers *everywhere* are busy with "party management and intrigue," instead of the duties of their positions, and that this is the reason why "the reform is the open gibe of the opposition, and the secret doubt of its friends in the Republican party." Altogether, he brings the most stinging indictment against the Administration that has yet been made in this relation, and the Republican press may now begin to see that Mr. Curtis' resignation was not entirely meaningless.

THE PRESENT JURY LAW.

Under the present Jury law, every voter is required, if called upon, to serve his country in the laborious, if not altogether heroic, capacity of petit juror for the space of two weeks every two years. It is a clear case of patriotism, as the State gives no other compensation for this service than 10 cents a mile for the number of miles actually traveled in going to and returning from the Court-Room. Though it is eminently proper that every citizen should be required to do his full share of jury work, it is altogether improper that he should be required to do it for nothing. The fact that no compensation is allowed is a great hardship on a large portion of those whose time is arbitrarily occupied by the State in this uncongenial and unprofitable employment. We have a case in mind which can hardly be an exception, and is more likely to be a sample of daily hardships. A colored man, who is employed as janitor in a building at a compensation of $10 or $12 a week, was called two weeks ago to serve as a juryman, and was retained the full two weeks authorized by law. He was obliged to pay a substitute full wages during the whole time he was thus engaged for discharging his duties as janitor. When he had done the State the service demanded of him, he received the following official "loan-certificate":

$0.00 STATE OF ILLINOIS, COOK CO. No. 1,799.

This certifies that Edward Whipple attended, as a petit juror at the October term, A. D. 1873, of the Superior Court of Cook County twelve days, and traveled, in coming to and returning from said court, 6 miles, and is entitled to be paid therefor out of any moneys in the Cook County Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ——dollars and sixty cents.

A. JACOBSON,
Clerk Superior Court Cook County.

CHICAGO, Oct. 20, A. D. 1873.

That is, for giving up his time and his wages, and either drawing on his savings for support of his family or forced to see them suffer if he had no reserve, he received the munificent sum of 60 cents from the State of Illinois. We happen to know of another case of equal hardship. A carpenter, living some miles out of the city, was engaged on a piece of work on which he was making $4 a day. He was dragged away to serve on a jury, forced to give up his job, and, in addition, compelled to pay his own board at city prices while the expenses of his home were going on as usual. The class must be large which is compelled to bear these burdens, and it consists of those who have not the influence to get excused nor the money to employ professional jurymen in their places. We submit that this is an outrage of so mean a character that the State of Illinois cannot afford to sacrifice its own dignity in tolerating it. The petit jurors last week united in a formal protest against the treatment they received, and they deserve to be heard. There is no question that every man, whose condition does not furnish sufficient excuse, should do duty as a juryman, but common decency suggests that there should be sufficient compensation to pay for the necessaries of life and protect poor men from the temptation of bribery.

CANADIAN RECIPROCITY.

In attendance at the meeting of the National Board of Trade is a delegation representing the Board of Trade of the Dominion of Canada. In addition to the general interest these gentlemen feel in the commerce of the United States, with which their own is so closely connected and interwoven, they represent the sentiment of our British North American neighbors in favor of still closer commercial relations governed by reciprocal laws. This subject has been before the National Board of Trade for several years, and at their last session there was an unanimous declaration that our best interests would be promoted by removing the restrictions now imposed on commerce between the United States and Canada, and that a treaty between the two Governments should be framed securing a free interchange of commodities between the people of the two countries, so far as practicable. The Executive Council of the Board of Trade reports that these recommendations have not yet met a favorable response at Washington, and they attribute the non-action or delays to the hesitation to depart from the beaten course. Nevertheless, the Council believes that public sentiment has been undeniably in favor of this liberal trade, and they have faith that the reiteration of the popular wish will eventually lead to action by the Government.

There are various obstacles in the way of reciprocal trade with Canada, and one of these is the impression, resulting from the theory of protection, that to purchase anything from a foreign land is an act of injustice to our own people. This idea is even carried further, and it is claimed that, as the foreigner will not part with his merchandise except at a profit, therefore the purchaser will incur a loss. Such an idea as this may not find much favor in bodies so well informed as a National Board of Trade, but it is maintained by a very large school of public men. It is possible that there are "statesmen" in this country who would insist that, if any reciprocal trade with Canada was established, it should be so restricted that at no time should it present a balance of trade against us; that is to say, that the forty millions of people in the United States should never be allowed to buy more from Canada than the four millions of people in that country should buy of us,—that is, that Canada should not be allowed to sell us more than we can pay for. So long as men high in official position stumble over such puerilities as this, the recommendations of the National Board of Trade in favor of removing the restrictions upon commerce between Canada and the United States will require considerable repetition.

Reciprocal trade with Canada is so manifestly politic to every man of information who has given the subject a thought, that we can understand how the Executive Council of the National Board of Trade have attributed the delay in official action on the subject to the fact that it was outside the beaten track of ordinary legislation; but there is something beyond this. The official mind, though highly skilled on the subject of negro suffrage, needs that instruction and information which it is the peculiar province of the National Board of Trade to impart. We suggest that, in renewing the recommendation for a treaty of reciprocity with Canada, the National Board of Trade shall do something more than pass resolutions; that they address a memorial not only to Congress but to the people at large, stating the whole case, with all the facts and arguments, showing that further delay or non-action on this matter is a denial of justice to many worthy citizens of our own country, and a commercial blunder on a large scale.

The best evidence that we have seen of material progress toward civilization in Japan is the amended criminal code reported in a late number of the *Japan Mail*. Until recently a barbarous code, made 150 years ago, has been the criminal law of the land. A few comparisons of the old and new will illustrate the progress that has been made. For kidnapping children, the old penalty was decapitation and exposure on the scaffold; the new law penal servitude for ten years. Stealing was formerly punished, if the property stolen was of greater value than ten yen, by death; the severest penalty is now imprisonment for life. It was death under the old law to receive stolen property, and the extreme penalty is now ten years' imprisonment. Selling human beings into bondage was punished by death. Under the old law there was a variety of crimes which were punished with decapitation and exposure, crucifixion, and other cruel forms of death, for which strangling has been substituted in all crimes in which human life has been sacrificed. The ancient code punished all forms of adultery with death, but it is now punished with penal servitude, one year for ordinary cases, and a longer term for what the Japanese regard as exaggerated cases. Incendiarism, which was formerly punished with roasting alive, is still punished with death, but without the cruelty of the old form. Gamblers were formerly tanished, but are now imprisoned for only eighty days.

A New Gas—Abaron.

M. Lebarre, a well-known chemist of Lyons, France, is reported to have read a paper before the Academy of Sciences, Paris, on the 18th of June last, in which he claimed to have discovered that hydrogen gas is a compound. He states that he has divided it into two elements, one of which has only one-tenth the specific gravity of hydrogen, which has hitherto been regarded as the lightest of all known substances, being only 0.0693 the weight of an equal volume of air at the same temperature and pressure.

The new gas is said to differ totally from hydrogen in its chemical properties, being a non-supporter of combustion, and destitute of taste, color, or smell. Its most remarkable property, however, is its extreme levity, which is 110,000 times greater than that of distilled water; or a cubic foot at the earth's surface would weigh but a little over two grains. In view of this extraordinary property it is proposed to name the new gas, Abaron; from a Greek particle and root, signifying *without weight*. The old name, hydrogen, will in that case be applied to the heavier constituent of the gas which combines with oxygen to form water.

The first point that will naturally suggest itself to the reader, probably, is that, with the discovery of Abaron, the problem of aerial navigation is practically solved. Being some twenty-five times lighter than our carburetted hydrogen, the coal gas with which balloons are ordinarily inflated, it would give to a very small globe the buoyancy necessary to enable a person to float through the air, and could be safely caged within an envelope of aluminium, which is not possible with the coal gas, owing to the greater bulk required by the more dense material. Certainly, if the Abaron can be manufactured in large quantities, even though the process should be a costly one, it would be gladly taken hold of by the aeronaut. Of course, the problem of steering the balloon would still remain, but the difficulty in the way of accomplishing that desirable result would be much less than at present, in proportion to the diminished surface presented to the current of air in which the balloon would move.

To the scientific investigator, however, the discovery, if one it be, will be suggestive of many ideas, more startling than the above, and perhaps not less practical. If hydrogen be a compound, so may others of the so-called elements; and the different allotropes of oxygen and carbon prove after all to be distinct elementary forms, or molecular compounds of more simple atoms. This has been thought possible in the case of carbon, and dreamed of as possibly furnishing the key to the connection between ordinary oxygen and ozone; but thus far, not a single step has been taken in the process of proof by analysis—still less by synthesis. The discovery may, indeed, lead to another complete revolution in the nomenclature of chemistry; and one much greater than the last, the distinctive feature of which is the possible composition of atoms in an elemental molecule. At the first blush it might seem that the number of the ultimate elements would be indefinitely multiplied by further discoveries in the same direction, and that, instead of 64, we may have several hundreds. But the reverse of this would most probably be the truth; and the result may be even to realize the theory that the number of attainable elements is very small, while they, in turn, are distinguished from each other simply by a difference in the molecular groupings of atoms, each of which has precisely the same magnitude, and volume, and potential function, with every other that exists in any and every part of the vast material universe.

Nothing is said, in the meagre account which has reached us, of the properties of the new hydrogen, as sundered from its union with Abaron. Does that, too, exhibit new properties? That is one of increased its affinity for oxygen, which gives rise to the brilliant phenomena of combustion? And, especially, does it, or does it not, exhibit more decidedly the properties which caused it to be suspected, nearly twenty years ago, of belonging to the family of metals? These are very interesting questions, to which we have, at present, no answer. But even greater in interest will be the ascertained behavior of the two new elements when submitted to the test of the spectroscope. What changes may occur in the character of the three principal (old) hydrogen lines, which are located respectively in the red, blue, and violet regions of the spectrum? Perhaps it may be found that one belongs to this new hydrogen, another to Abaron, and the third is only exhibited when the two elements are in union. If so, we may, perhaps, be able to see our way a little nearer towards the reason why most of the so-called elements give more than one line, and exhibit them in different portions of the spectrum; a point on which some speculations were advanced nearly four years ago in the columns of THE TRIBUNE. Still further, it is not improbable that the new element, Abaron, will be found to give the mysterious line in the green portion of the spectrum which has been discovered in the light of the AURORA, and that from the exterior of the solar corona, but which has not hitherto been identified with any known substance on the earth's surface. If this should be so, we shall then be able to do much more than guess (as at present) in regard to the material that forms the outer envelope alike of sun and habitable planets, that possibly yet lingers lovingly around the moon, and connects the rolling orbs with the ethereal expanse through which they perform their majestic revolutions, forming the intangible link between matter and space.

[We note, here, that Prof. G. J. Stoney, in a paper read before the Royal Irish Academy, not long since, considered it as highly probable that these three hydrogen lines (C, F, and G) are phenomena of harmonic vibration, and calculated that the hydrogen molecule vibrates 800,000,000,000 times in a second. He estimated that a million times a million million molecules are contained in a cubic millimetre. Maxwell estimates that the molecule vibrates through a space 100 times greater than its own diameter. Accepting these conclusions we can calculate that the diameter of the (old) hydrogen molecule is not greater than one in 2,500,000,00 equal parts of an inch.]

It may be that the alleged discovery of Abaron will lead to none of these results; but, even if it should prove to be a groundless claim, we may rest assured that the secrets of nature as which I have hinted above, and many others of which we have now no idea, will yet be revealed to the gaze of mortals, and some of them as no distant day. Science is pressing forward with persistent strides towards the goal of knowledge, and her labors have yet to be crowned with far more abundant success than has hitherto rewarded her efforts. E. COLBERT.

NOTES AND OPINION.

The Republican managers in Wisconsin are hastening to nominate, on their local tickets, men whom they may call "farmers and Grangers." The Republican managers in Iowa are beginning to discover, with some amazement, that the worst beaten of their local tickets was composed of just such "farmers and Grangers."

—The Burlington *Gazette*, bearing Republicans talking bravely about having "a good working majority" in the Iowa Legislature, remarks what a coming down that must be, to be sure.

—The Burlington (Iowa) *Hawk-Eye* sticks in a word of truth in answer to the Des Moines fellows who have monopolized the wires with false reports of the Iowa election, saying:

The DesMoines *Register* expresses the opinion that Anti-Monopoly members of the Legislature who have hitherto acted with the Republican party will continue to do so. That has usually been the case with independent Republican members heretofore, but they have never been so numerous as they will be this year, and we apprehend that those who elected them will insist on their constituting an independent party, so far as party caucuses and strictly party measures are concerned.

—The Columbus correspondent of the Cincinnati *Commercial* is surprised at the Ohio election returns come in, and wants to know how it happens that counties usually reliably Republican have elected Democrats to the Legislature, while some ancient Democratic strongholds elect Republicans. Some, even, of the counties on the Western Reserve seem to have gone back on the regular Republican nominations.

—The Alton (Ill.) *Telegraph*, which loyally supported the Oglesby-Beveridge ticket in this State, a year ago, now says of the defeat of Noyes and Hart, in Ohio:

The former wished to be elected United States Senator, while the latter expected to fill his place as Governor. If this is so, they both richly deserved to be beaten. It is high time that the people should exhibit in thunder tones the practice which is so fast becoming common, of citizenship running for one office with a ready seeking another.

—Frank Hatton runs the Mt. Pleasant (Iowa) *Journal* in the home interest of James Harlan, and says:

If Gov. Carpenter is elected at all, it will be by a small majority. We long ago expressed our opinion in regard to this distinguished gentleman's attempts to make a farmer of himself, going about the State as a Granger; and now, if he has been sold out in the house of his friends, it is nothing more than he has imposed on other men. When Gov. Carpenter showed such anxiety to become a member of a secret organization which was formed, as it was claimed, for the farmers only, he got farther into the mire of political demagoguery.

—Senator Roscoe Conkling's Utica *Herald* rather regrets that, in the West, "there have been no stirring issues raised save those of a local character about railroad management, and hence our voters have not waked up."

—The Keokuk *Gate City*, whose editor was the Republican platform of this year, in Iowa, says:

Republican townships voted as though the thunder appeals of oracular Republican editors had been as much idle air which they regarded not. We have concluded that the oracular role isn't the forte of newspapers nowadays.

—The San Francisco *Bulletin* tells the effect of victory in California, saying:

There is now no difficulty in finding men who will come out and declare themselves the implacable enemies of corporate dominion, and ready to enroll themselves in an organization whose determination it is to break that dominion utterly down. But the battle is not won yet. The leeches will not let go their hold until we force them to it. The blow for freedom which has been so successfully struck must be followed up by others equally powerful.

—That the Anti-Monopoly party is destined to control and shape the political policy of the nation, at no distant day, must be evident to every rational m

that Ottawa is not the only place where the same tactics were practiced by the railroad monopolists.—*Keokuk (Iowa) Constitution.*

—The Republican party is famous for passing virtuous resolves, and their acts have whistled all idea of virtue down to the winds, and scandalize the nation with their debauchery and thefts. We ask the Anti-Monopolists to look at these things, and see if they cannot truly say that those who "are not for them are against them," and that words uttered to deceive are entitled to less weight than oft-repeated official acts.—*McLean County (Ill.) Anti-Monopolist.*

—Since the perpetuation of party power has always been considered the most dangerous foe to our Republican institutions, the honest, conscientious man who has his country's good at heart should not ask, Cannot this or that reform be accomplished as well by the old party as by the new? but rather, cannot monopolies be checked and controlled as well by the new? and if he can answer yes to the latter question he should unhesitatingly join the new combination.—*Ames (Iowa) Brain and Muscle.*

—If Congressmen and the Administration cannot discover in these October elections much that is worthy their serious consideration, they do not possess the political sagacity for which they have had the credit.—*Evansville (Ind.) Journal.*

—Congress will do well to carefully study the facts, and to avoid the mistakes and repeal the wrong action of the last Congress. It appears already certain that the salary-grab of the last Congress was a serious injury to the Republican party. If it is not repealed, so far as Congressional salaries are concerned, the injury may become worse. Nor, if it is repealed, will it answer to make that an excuse for restoring the mileage abuse or the franking abuse. What the country desires is strict economy, unspoiled honesty, and a careful avoidance of hasty legislation. Doubts as to whether the new Congress will exhibit these virtues may be ungracious, and may be unreasonable; nevertheless, so long as there are voters who do doubt, the Republican party suffers from these doubts, since it is the party in power.—*Detroit Post.*

THE WEATHER.

Further Accounts of Damage by Eastern Floods—Additional Lake Disasters.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

FOND DU LAC, Wis., Oct. 22.—Four inches of snow fell in Sheboygan County yesterday.

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 22.—The schooner Saginaw, owned in this city, bound from Cleveland, light, went ashore two miles east of Black River on Monday night. She lies high on the beach, but it is thought that she can be got off with but little damage.

BRUNSWICK, Me., Oct. 22.—The Androscoggin is higher than at any time since the freshet of 1869. At Auburn the shoe factories had to stop work, the engines being submerged, and many buildings are surrounded by water. Dead River bridge, on the Androscoggin Railroad, is washed away, and passengers and mails have to be transferred.

War Department Prognostications.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—The area of high barometer and low temperature will probably extend on Thursday southward over the Western plains to Texas. For the Eastern Gulf States, southerly winds, with cloudy and rainy weather. For the Eastern and Middle Atlantic States, southwest to southwest winds, partly cloudy, and clear, warm weather. For New England, south and east winds, with clear weather. For the Lower Lakes, south and west winds, cloudy and rainy weather. For the Ohio Valley, increasing westerly winds, cloudy weather, and light rain. For the Upper Lakes, west and northwest winds, possibly increasing to brisk, with cooler and occasional rain, clearing away by Thursday night.

SIGNAL OBSERVATIONS.

CHICAGO, Oct. 22—1 a. m.

Station.	Bar.	Ther.	Wind.	Rain	Weather.
Cairo	30.01	47	N. W., brisk	.....	Light rain.
Cleveland	29.81	39	S., brisk	.03	Cloudy.
Chicago	29.84	40	S. W., fresh	.01	Light rain.
Cincinnati	29.91	60	E. E., fresh	.....	Cloudy.
Cheyenne	29.91	34	S., gentle	.....	Clear.
Dunleith	30.01	40	Calm	.....	Fair.
Davenport	30.01	42	N. W., brisk	.....	Fair.
Duluth	29.71	34	S. W., fresh	.....	Cloudy.
Detroit	29.77	38	S. W., brisk	.....	Light rain.
Escanaba	29.69	46	S., fresh	.01	Light rain.
Fort Garry	29.59	22	S. W., fresh	.03	Light snow
Fort Gibson	30.15	41	Calm	.....	Cloudy.
Keokuk	30.01	46	S. W., fresh	.....	Clear.
Leavenw'th	30.13	39	N. W., gentle	.....	Clear.
La Crosse	30.01	26	N., fresh	.....	Fair.
Milwaukee	29.86	34	S. W., fresh	.01	Cloudy.
Marquette	29.63	43	S. W., fresh	.30	Light rain.
Omaha	30.11	29	Calm	.....	Fair.
Pembina	29.71	26	N. W., fresh	.04	Light snow
St. Paul	29.91	30	N. W., fresh	.01	Clear.
Toledo	29.79	39	S., fresh	.01	Light rain.
Yankton	30.10	25	Calm	.03	Clear.

Miscellaneous Reports.

LANSING, Mich., Oct. 22.—The first snow of the season fell to the depth of three inches this morning.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Oct. 22.—The weather turned suddenly cold to-day, with a November easterly gale.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 22.—About four inches of snow fell in Minnesota this afternoon, clearing off cold.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Oct. 22.—Cloudy all day. Cold rain, with wind, this evening.

HALIFAX, Oct. 22.—Three barges were destroyed during last night's gale off Point Au Pelee, all of Bay City, Michigan.

The barges David Morris and Globe have gone to pieces in shallow water. Barge Saginaw sank in eleven feet of water. Barge Dunbar is reported ashore a short distance down from Point Au Pelee. Name unknown.

IOWA'S LIQUOR LAW.

The Supreme Court Decides that a Judgment Against a Liquor-Seller, or Manufacturer, May Create a Lien Upon Property in Which Liquor is Sold or Manufactured.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Oct. 22.—The Supreme Court of Iowa, in session here, had before it an appeal from the Circuit Court of Polk County,—the case of Polk County vs. J. Hurb,—involving the legality of the Prohibitory Liquor law, in the aspect in which that law subjects the property in which liquors are sold to a lien against the liquor-seller. The appellant set up various provisions of the State Constitution against the judgment of the court below, but the Supreme Bench, in its decision recorded to-day (Dav, Justice) overruled them all. The Court says: "The precise question involved pertains to the right of the Legislature to declare a judgment against a defendant a lien upon the property of such defendant when used for the purpose of manufacturing or selling liquors, with the owner's consent or knowledge. The Court then takes up the objections of the appellant, and contends that the Legislature does possess the power to so declare a judgment against a liquor-seller, or manufacturer of liquors, a lien upon the property in which the liquor is sold or manufactured. The argument of the Court in this argument is well as a decision—is quite elaborate and striking.

CANADA.

The Report of the Royal Commission in the Hands of the Secretary of State—George W. McMullen in Ottawa—The Case of Riel, the Manitoban Chief.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

OTTAWA, Oct. 22.—The report of the Royal Commission is now complete and in the hands of the Secretary of State. Two brothers of Scott, the man murdered in Manitoba, are said to be in the city. They are interested in the arrest of Riel. The Citizen publishes a wood-cut likeness of Riel, with an inflammatory article. The Orangemen insist that Riel shall not be allowed to enter the House of Commons, notwithstanding the granting of an amnesty is promised.

George W. McMullen is here. It is rumored that more Pacific scandal developments are to be made. A large majority of the Senators and members have arrived, and others are expected by every train to-night and to-morrow. Great interest centres in the opening of the House, since it will afford the first test of the strength of parties.

RAILROAD NEWS.

Preparations for Winter Along the Line of the Union Pacific.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Oct. 22.—Preparations for winter upon the Union Pacific Railroad are now completed. Every precaution that experience and wise forethought could suggest has been taken to guard against stoppages. Miles of track have been raised at all the exposed points from one to seven feet. More snow-fencing has been erected, and snow-sheds repaired. There are no fears of any serious detention by snow this winter, as all points are well guarded. This road is 100 per cent better prepared than ever before. The weather along the line is cold and clear. Some snow has fallen in the Rocky Mountains. Trains are running regularly.

SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, Wis., Oct. 21.—The Trustees of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home have just held their annual meeting, and made their report. It represents the institution as being in an excellent condition, with 158 children now cared for. The expenses last year were about $25,000; $30,000 is asked for next year. Gen. M. Montgomery, of Sparta, and Dr. A. J. Ward, of this city, having resigned as Trustees, Gov. Washburn has appointed Maj. G. L. Park, of Stevens Point, and Gen. J. J. Guppy, of Portage, to fill the vacancies.

REGATTA AT BATTLE CREEK.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Oct. 22.—The regatta held in this city to-day was a grand success. The Wah Kons, of Saginaw, won the senior four-oared shell race, beating the Excelsiors, of Detroit; W. J. Alexander, the junior single-scull race; and Frank E. Watts, the senior single-scull race. The weather was pleasant, cool, and there was a large attendance. A sumptuous dinner was served at the Potter House on the return from the Lake, and a grand ball at the Green House concludes the exercises.

THE CONTESTED ASSESSMENT.

Republic Life Insurance Company vs. The State Board of Equalization.

The Test Case Now Being Argued Before Judge Farwell.

Arguments of Mr. Kretsinger for Complainant and the Hon. J. P. Root for the State.

Judge Lawrence to Close for the Insurance Company To-Day.

Yesterday morning the argument for an injunction in the case of the Republic Life Insurance Company against Joseph Pollak, County Clerk, came up before Judge Farwell. Before proceeding with the argument Mr. Bennett, on behalf of the complainants, asked leave to amend his declaration by inserting an allegation that in reaching the result at which the State Board of Equalization arrived in assessing the capital stock and franchises of said Company, the Board adopted the rule that the capital stock should be valued at its fair cash value, adding thereto the supposed just amount of the debts owing by the corporation, and from the result thus obtained deducting the value of the tangible property of the corporation. Also, an allegation that, after the Board had finished the valuation of the real and personal property of the State, the said Board had increased the aggregate assessed valuation of said property in the State, exceeding 1 per cent on such aggregate valuation, and in violation of the statute.

THE FACTS OF THE CASE

have been made known but may be recapitulated. About ten days ago the Republic Life Insurance Company filed a bill to restrain the County Clerk, Joseph Pollak, from carrying out the taxes on his books on the valuation made by the State Board of Equalization. Complainants allege that said Board had raised the valuation of their property from about $41,000, the amount at which it had been fixed by the County Assessor, to $884,000, including in this last sum, a valuation set on the franchise, and the capital stock. It is claimed this Board is illegal and unconstitutional; its powers void,* and even though it be legal, yet there is no power to assess a franchise, or the capital stock in the hands of the Company.

MR. KRETSINGER,

on behalf of the Company, in the opening argument, of which the following is an abstract: "This bill sufficiently presents facts to entitle us to an injunction, not covering or affecting any outside questions. We propose to show the general character of the act. The protection of property is one of the inherent rights of the citizen, and is a question of as much importance as protection of person. The Republic Life Company is of the power to levy taxes for the purpose of carrying on the affairs of the Government. The legislative power is vested in the General Assembly, and in no other body, and the Legislature cannot delegate its powers. Organic legislation is by the people primarily; secondarily, by delegation, it can be reposed in the hands of its agents, and their laws can be made by such agents as authorized by the Constitution. The acts of these agents must be subordinate to the organic law. The people prescribe the Constitution, and the Constitution itself limits the powers thereof. The power of the Legislature is a creature of the Constitution, and cannot act beyond its restrictions, being a creature of the sovereigns, the people. A constitutional power to act being expressly conferred on a certain body, is not that power to that body. This power is restrained from one body by confirming it on another, and can only be employed by the body authorized. This power is limited by the rule of uniformity contained in the preamble. It is limited by the law of agency, by the spirit and genius of our institutions. When the Constitution stops the power stops. The Constitution is the warrant of power, which the creatures cannot go. The qualification of members of the General Assembly are prescribed and fully stated, and the qualifying oath required, but in this Board the members are not subject to the restraining influence of any such oath. No person or body can operate a constitutional power, or fill an office unless they fill the formula required. Every bill must have a constitutional caption, be read at large on three different days in each house, and, on final passage, votes must be by yeas and nays, entered on the journals, and operative only when a majority of elected members concur therein. All laws must be signed by the officers of both houses, with the approval of the Governor. By the act in question the State Board are authorized, and the act provides:

First—To adopt rules and principles for ascertaining the fair cash values of capital stock.

Second—To determine the justice and equity of those rules and principles.

Third—That when such rules and principles are adopted, if not inconsistent with the act, they are to have the same effect as if contained in the legislative act itself, and the rules are not subject to the Legislature to change.

Fourth—To amend, change, and alter said rules and principles as may be desired.

Fifth—These rules and principles are alone to apply to capital stock, and are therefore in effect special legislation.

This right to determine the justice of their rules makes them equal to the General Assembly, and invests their rules "to the power and dignity of a legislative act. The right of the power of the Board to change and alter their laws will not allow a man, when he has fixed a cash value, to object, as he cannot be classified with the valuation of the Town Collector. This act would give all the unauthorized rules, all the whims and irregularities of the State Board, the force of law. Republic Life rules prescribed being applicable only to the capital stock of corporations, is special legislation, and hence clearly illegal. The rules for taxation must be uniform, and the rules applicable to one must be made to apply to another. A corporation is an individual to the extent of its creation; the property of a corporation is equal to the property of one individual, and the standard of valuation is the same. The Constitution and the Court say that the immense capital of the corporations may be placed at the disposal of the State Board, and thereupon subject them to this sort of varying legislation under a standard that may be changed from time to time as they see fit, and the corporation would be taxed out of existence. It must all be weighed in the balance of the Constitution. Again, the State Board has placed a valuation on the franchises of the corporation. We hold that the franchise cannot be taxed—cannot have a value. It is a negative power—simply the creature of the legal individual. It is, as it is argued, the State Board, or the Legislature empowered to create principles, enact rules, to carry those rules and those principles into effect, and, when thus enacted by the State Board, they become operative to legislative acts. By this act, the State Board can put a valuation of $1,000,000,000 on the property of a corporation for the value of 1 mill. The State Board is to fix the standard of values on capital stock of corporations, and can change that standard at pleasure, and without reference to a uniform assessment of values. The first section of Art. 9, of the Constitution of 1870, entitled "Revenue," disposed of this question effectually. The section says: "The General Assembly shall provide such revenue as may be needful, by levying a tax by valuation, so that every person and corporation shall pay a tax in proportion to the value of his or its property," such value to be ascertained by such person or persons to be elected or appointed in such manner as the General Assembly shall direct, and not otherwise; but the General Assembly shall have the power to tax peddlers, etc., and persons or corporations using franchises and privileges in such manner as it shall from time to time direct by general law, uniform as to the class on which it operates. This section vests the General Assembly with the sole power to levy taxes, such tax to be uniform in respect to persons and property. The tax cannot be uniform unless the the valuation is uniform. Valuation of property by a fixed and determined standard is the basis of taxation.

The rules for ascertaining the valuation must be provided by legislative enactment, but the valuation is a fact which may be bound by the Assessor under the law. The law is the method,—the system and manner in detail of levying the tax by valuation,—and of providing a uniform valuation. To ascertain the valuation is to find a fact in accordance with the law. The Constitutions creates the law in detail,—and the Ministerial or Executive officer employs that law. The State Board can no more adopt rules and enact laws, and create principles by which to ascertain values on which to levy a tax than can a Town Collector. The Board is purely executive. The power to make involves the power to destroy. Then the Legislature, which has the power to make, delegates that power to the State Board to defeat this, and then the franchise can be sold, not by the Legislature, nor because it authorized it, but because the Legislature has given to the State Board the form of taxation and valuation—and the Board can create a franchise and then sold by an excessive taxation—4 Wheaton, 416. A man has a right to be heard before the County Board, and notice must be given, but no notice is published by the State Board, and no hearing allowed, and the allegation of G. Shaw, and Leroy Pennoyer, for $1,000.

An action in ejectment was commenced by Peter S. Hoag against George Marisel. The premises are the s. e. ¼ of Sec. 17, 19, 7.

A similar case was commenced by the same plaintiff against Cyrus Townshend, William Townshend, Levi Tyrrell, and Ralph Targe, to gain possession of the s. e. ¼ of Sec. 26, 19, 7.

The trial of the Taub-Crozier cases, for infringement of sewing-machine patents, are expected to take place to-day.

BANKRUPTCY ITEMS.

There will be an examination in the Republic Insurance Company this afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

In the case of Thomas Haldeu, an order was entered that proceedings stand dismissed unless objections are filed in ten days.

Robert F. Jenkins was appointed Assignee of the estate of Henry H. Knickerbocker.

H. M. Jennings was adjudicated bankrupt by default, and a warrant was issued returnable Nov. 22, 1873.

Abram Acker went bail in the sum of $5,000 for the appearance of William T. Mahon, from day to day, to appear for examination or answer any order that may be entered against him.

CRIMINAL COURT.

The case of Lorenz occupied all the morning in the Criminal Court. The counsel for prosecution introduced one witness yesterday morning to prove that Lorenz was not injured when he was brought to the jail. The case was then summed up by Messrs. Greeley and Mills for the prisoner, and the State's Attorney for prosecution, and at half-past 12 the jury retired. At about 2 the jury returned a verdict of guilty, and condemned him to five years in the Penitentiary.

COUNTY COURT.

No objection being filed to the confirmation of special assessment roll No. 1 of the Town of Cicero, it was ordered to be confirmed.

Special assessments Nos. 219, 236, 237, 243, 245, 250, 255, 257, 258, 260, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 324, 325, 326, 327, 330, 225, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, of the City of Chicago, and ordered to be confirmed, no objections having been filed thereto. Also that so much of the assessment rolls Nos. 245, 255, and 230, as have not been objected to, be ordered to be confirmed.

TAX-PURCHASES.

Another batch of tax-fighters have fled from the County Court to the Circuit Court asking injunctions against the County Clerk. They include Reuben Taylor, Joseph M. Barker, Silas M. Moore, Benjamin W. Ellis, David R. Dyche, Edwin R. Harmon, William H. Hoyt, and Charles M. Aiken. Injunctions were granted, as usual, on the prima facie case made out by the different bills.

ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

OTTAWA, Ill., Oct. 22.—Pursuant to adjournment the Supreme Court met promptly at 2:30 p. m., Judge Walker presiding. The following was the business transacted:

2—Motion by appellee for further time to file briefs.

24—Same.

25—Motion by appellee to tax the costs of an additional abstract.

26—Motion by appellee to reply.

29—Motion by appellee for time to file brief.

27—Motion for cause to file additional error.

28—Motion by the appellee for further time to file briefs.

44—Same.

49—Motion to file amendments as per stipulations on file; submitted and leave granted.

272—Motion for further time to file abstracts.

277—Motion to dismiss appeal for want of prosecution; dismissed with 5 per cent damages.

38—Motion to remit $16 of the judgment of the Court below by the appellee.

122—Motion for leave to file brief for appellee, as one of the parties in interest.

273—Motion for further time to file briefs, as per stipulation on file.

276—Passed.

284—Motion for leave to file additional brief by appellee.

286—Suggestion of the death of appellee, with a copy of the letter of administration.

292—Motion to file amended record.

296—Motion to allow appeal; motion for an injunction.

276—Motion to dismiss the appeal, and the appeal dismissed, with 5 per cent damages.

278—Motion for mandamus.

347—Motion of the appellee for extension of time to file briefs.

348—Same motion.

353—Motion for a final decree.

194—Motion to set aside order of affirmance, and submit the cause.

261—Motion by the appellee for further time to file briefs.

442—Motion by the appellant for further time to file abstracts or the brief.

566—Motion to dismiss the appeal for want of prosecution; appeal dismissed.

567—Motion to dismiss; the appeal dismissed.

577—Motion to dismiss; appeal dismissed, with 5 per cent damages.

581—Motion to [illegible] following was the docket:

CAIRO.

507—The Chicago, [illegible] Quincy Railroad Company v. Fardiman; [illegible], by his next friend; consolidated.

508—Fukaki Roberts [illegible] Wilson T. Dunn; taken on call.

513—Jacob Kelley, impl. [illegible] 3d, &c., v. Harlan T. Reinwand; cause continued.

516—The People, &c., ex rel., [illegible] al. v. George Crossley et al.; taken on call.

518—Archibald McCoy v. The People, &c.; taken on call.

519—Stephen L. Phelps v. John L. Curts et al.; motion for further time to file abstract.

523—Stephen Phelps et al. v. Amandus Berthold and Ferdinand Bieder Partion; passed.

524—Stephen Phelps et al. v. Jacob Edwards et al.; passed.

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Another batch of tax-fighters have fled from the County Court to the Circuit Court asking injunctions against the County Clerk. They include Reuben Taylor, Joseph M. Barker, Silas M. Moore, Benjamin W. Ellis, David R. Dyche, Edwin R. Harmon, William H. Hoyt, and Charles M. Aiken. Injunctions were granted, as usual, on the prima facie case made out by the different bills.

ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

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2—Motion by appellee for further time to file briefs.

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276—Passed.

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LOCAL POLITICS.

Why the Hesing-O'Hara Managers Did Not Meet Last Evening.

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The Hesing-O'Hara combination managers intended to have held a meeting at a certain hotel last evening, to cook up the ticket and apportion the offices. It is intended by the leaders to go into the Convention on Friday with a slate in their pockets, each man on it pledged to support all the others, and in that way neutralize any little freedom of opinion the "boys" may have, and destroy any arrangements made outside the managing clique. Mr. Hesing has his mind made up, and woe to the man who dares oppose him. The meeting was not held, however, and word has been given out that it will not be, as some of the "boys" got wind of it and were indignant. For all that, the ticket is arranged.

TENTH WARD.

Ald. Charles L. Woodman, now serving in the Council from the Twentieth Ward, has been nominated by the Tenth Ward, where he has resided since the fire drove him from his residence in the Twentieth. Dr. Bassett presided at the meeting, and Mr. H. C. Morey was Secretary. Ald. Woodman's name was cast, and Mr. Woodman received forty-eight; his nomination was made unanimous. This will be Mr. Woodman's fourth election to the Council, where he has distinguished himself for ability, energy, and devotion to the interests of his constituents. His services on the Railroad Committee during the last two years were valuable to the city. He is a large property-holder, a manufacturer, and a Law-and-Order man. He will undoubtedly be elected.

SIXTH WARD.

The citizens of the Sixth Ward, irrespective of party, held a large and enthusiastic meeting last night at No. 240 Archer avenue. The meeting was called to order promptly at 8 o'clock, by Mr. John J. Fox, who nominated Mr. John Bonfield for President of the meeting. Mr. Bonfield having taken the chair, Mr. John Fox was chosen Secretary, and the President briefly stated the object of the meeting to be the nomination of a candidate for Alderman, and the selection of a Ward Committee. He further suggested that the nominee on the Union ticket be indorsed at a future meeting, but that no action be taken until the other nominations had been made. After short remarks by Mr. Farrell and others, the following names were proposed for Alderman: William Tracy, P. J. Connelly, Philip Roddy, and M. Finucan. Ald. Tracy having received a large majority, his nomination was declared unanimously. The following were then elected to form a

MONEY AND COMMERCE.

MONETARY.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Oct. 22.

Money matters are very quiet in this market, and we find no considerable change to note in the aspect of affairs since the beginning of the week.

New York exchange continues scarce, and sold between banks to-day at 50c per $1,000 premium. Shippers' bills drawn against grain in transit are taken at ⅓ and also at ⅓ of 1 per cent discount. The amount of this class of bills is, however, very small, compared to what it would be under ordinary circumstances at this season of the year. One obstacle to the free movement of grain is, that shippers of cargoes cannot get the usual advances from their New York consignees, because the latter cannot get the usual accommodations at the New York banks. The movement of Western crops to market is therefore being done mainly on Western capital. The scarcity of money in the Eastern markets also has its effect upon the prices of products, as well as of the foreign exchange made against the shipment of the products to Europe.

There is a very moderate but steady flow of currency from this city to New York, but the stock of currency in the banks here is very large, and some of it can very well be spared. The main cause of the great accumulation of currency here is that the banks of this city are still acting on the policy of keeping their whole reserve here in greenbacks, instead of keeping half of it in New York exchange,—as the Nationals are permitted to do by law, and as has heretofore been their custom. The recent panic gave the Western banks such a scare that, even after New York banks resume currency payments, it will be a long time, perhaps a year or two, before the New York balances of Western banks will increase to anything like the proportions they had attained just before the panic. The accumulations of money caused by the increase of banking facilities, are, however, bound to accumulate *somewhere* at certain seasons of the year. No amount of currency-tinkering to make the volume of currency "elastic," will prevent this accumulation of bank credits, even if the much-denounced system of paying interest on deposits were entirely discontinued. These accumulations once made, there is no question that inducements of one kind or another will be offered to draw this temporarily unused money out into the prosecution of enterprises and speculations that could not command the money under any other condition of the money market.

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DEFENSE OF INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

DEAR SIR: By common agreement the "system of paying interest on deposits subject to call," seems to have been chosen as the goat over which to confess all the iniquities of the children of Mammon, and, "uniting all transgressions in all their sins upon his head," they are going to send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness. The fit man in this case may prove to be President Grant, who proposes to recommend a law absolutely prohibiting the practice, which he, as well as all those whose views on the subject find expression in print, calls by very hard names.

It must be agreeable to those who have been tinkering at our finances in a legislative and administrative way, to be assured that the real cause of all the recent trouble is a natural outgrowth of competition in the banking business, and nothing for which they are in any way responsible. They will therefore be cheered and encouraged to proceed.

It is encouraging, also, for those who may have taken desponding views of human nature to observe the zeal and the high moral tone with which metropolitan bankers are advocating a return to sound and legitimate banking principles, especially in this direction. There is something quite soothing in the circulars with which they favor country bankers now-a-days—the old matter-of-fact inducement style of that literature having given place to something very like gush. So also their opinions, given as the results of interviewing, and reflected in financial columns.

Now, doubt the enthusiasm of good resolve, which always comes to flow in times of adversity, has much to do with this feeling—but there will suggest itself whether the leaven of selfishness is not in some degree responsible for this particular uprising of the spirit of reform?

However, manner and motives are beside the question which I beg permission to put, which is: Will so radical a reform as is proposed in the matter of paying interest on deposits be productive of good? Will it result in making the banks keep a larger reserve, and so become safer depositories,—better able to withstand the shock of panics,—while at the same time affording legitimate accommodations to the business community? In short, will it make them fitter to fulfill all the functions which pertain to banks?

This is, in effect, asking—and perhaps this is a more pertinent way of putting the question—will it endow bank-managers with a greater degree of sagacity, judgment, and honesty? Will it make them brave without recklessness; prudent without timidity; firm without obstinacy; amenable to counsel, yet not vacillating? All this, and more, will it do if we are to take literally the somewhat extravagant talk on the subject; yet, when thus put, no one would probably answer the question affirmatively.

We must reduce it, then, still further, and ask: Will the contemplated reform remove any of the allurements that lead men away from the paths of correct banking? Will it free the business from any of the dangerous vicissitudes we are so familiar with? Has the much-abused practice no element which dissuades from undue expansion in some directions as much as, if not more than, it encourages it in others?

It is the object of this article to assert—no matter how indifferently the assertion be maintained—that these are at least open questions.

It is indeed much to be extended a subject to be satisfactorily discussed within the limits of your space, or the time and patience of the reader of a daily paper.

The best argument to be urged against loose talk on any subject is the logic of facts. Statistics have come to be regarded with a good deal of suspicion, unfortunately, not very much statistical information bearing on this subject has thus far been collected, and, such as there may be, is not accessible to the writer.

It is a matter of general knowledge, however, which of the leading banks of the country have the largest number of correspondents, and, therefore, pay interest most largely, and if the practice is necessarily fraught with so much danger, it is evident that we shall see these banks betraying the greatest weakness in times of panic.

Take, for example, the two banks which had confessedly the largest deposits of this kind in New York and Chicago, respectively. The Associated Press dispatch of the 17th, from New York, says: "The present system of pooling was gotten up for the benefit of weak banks, especially those paying 4 per cent on *balances*." Would the writer include the National Park Bank in that category? and yet that bank probably pays more interest in that way, both absolutely and relatively, than any bank in New York, while all advices, public and private, agree that the Park Bank is sound, if any of them are. (I say probably because at this distance one can only make a guarded statement of this kind, and I therefore write under correction).

The Chicago bank referred to is, of course, the Union National, and it may be said that the experience of this bank is somewhat damaging to any defense of the interest-paying system. But let us see.

To quote THE TRIBUNE: "The vicious system of paying interest on deposits, *together* with the marked ability and uniform courtesy with which it was managed, attracted to this institution more than $6,000,000, which no well-conducted bank could pay off on call."

That it had a deposit of $6,000,000, including a larger number of country dealers than any of its competitors, is an undisputed fact; that this was largely the result of the ability and courtesy of its management few who have had opportunities for judging will deny; that the "vicious system" aforesaid had very much to do with attracting money to this particular institution is not so obvious. Was there a bank in your city, well conducted or otherwise, that was not paying interest on that class of deposits? Many of them were offering and paying more than 4 per cent.

That the system has attracted somewhat more money to your city than would have lodged there without this inducement, is probable, but it has never been intimated that you have had very much more money than could be judiciously placed and at good rates, and I may add, what is more to the point, and with due regard to the proverbial modesty of Chicago, that many a country banker has recently had reason to wish that all of his assets were as available as his Chicago balance. But to return for a moment to the Union National: It is well understood and admitted now, that its special line of business was one which made it exceptionally vulnerable to such a panic as the one we have just passed through.

It had for depositors a large number of country bankers, who, no matter what degree of confidence they might feel, were compelled to call simultaneously for money, and that just in the midst of the season when the borrowing customers—mostly large shippers—were most importunate. The result was a drain greater than it could stand.

The Union National paid two-thirds of its enormous liabilities to depositors inside of thirty days, and had, when it suspended, its legal reserve or nearly so. The notoriety which its temporary suspension has given to its affair demonstrates to the public that a bank may have the largest amount of interest-bearing deposits in Chicago and still be exceptionally strong. If in view of these facts there are still those who maintain that, owing to their over anxiety to make good the interest which they were paying under this vicious system, the managers had exceeded the limits of safety in the amount of their loans and the nature of their collaterals, and that greater strength than they have displayed would be good banking, I can only say that, with those who thus hold, it is not my present business to argue.

It is not inconceivable that a panic might come in such shape that banks doing business for the city men chiefly would be hardest hit, and leave the depositories of country funds comparatively comfortable. That the Union National, though strong, was compelled to succumb, so far as it has weight as evidence, is against the specialization of business and illustrative of its evils—but against this tendency no one pretends to contend. The advantages of specialization, of a division of labor, are so manifest and so inevitable, as a result, is it of the progress of civilization, that to argue against it is like arguing against gravitation.

Country bankers, like others, try to keep their money as actively employed and make as large dividends as is consistent with safety. Their opportunities for placing money in convertible securities are not nearly so uniformly good as those in cities enjoy, and at times money will accumulate. If they can put this surplus in hands which they consider safe, where it will earn even the minimum rate of interest, they are quite likely, if prudent men, to let it remain there until some legitimate local demand comes. If they cannot so place it with National Banks, they will be tempted to intrust more or less of it in the hands of outside, and often less worthy, parties; the security of the city note-broker will be sought, or they will place the money at home in hands where possibly they would not if ⅜ would earn anything elsewhere. In short, if their whole reserve must lie absolutely unproductive, will not the temptation be constant to reduce the reserve to the minimum, and put the money out at higher rates and greater risk? The result would be that the reserves of country banks, as a rule, would be smaller than now, their money would still find its way to the city for investment, and, by refusing to pay any interest, the city banks would only be relinquishing one of their most profitable and legitimate functions, viz: the reinvestment of money for a commission, only to see it go into hands that would be by no means likely to discharge the trust so well as they.

It is probable that Wall and Pine streets would get as much money, and cheaper money, than now, with the difference that they would be less closely looked after, and it is suspected that the denizens thereof will bear watching. So much, briefly, for the banks receiving the interest, and now as to those who pay it, for, of course, no one wants to preserve and keep pure the country bankers at the cost of demoralizing their brethren in the cities.

It will not be questioned that the financiers in the commercial centres have superior facilities for making perfectly safe temporary investments. Thither are sent the marketable products, the good securities and notes of the country seeking sale, and thither flows the money to buy or carry them. That payment of interest by the banks augments the accumulation of money then is probably true, though to what extent is not so readily settled.

That the centralization of money is an unmitigated evil is not so certain. Like the division of labor, it is a concomitant of civilization. More and more does money accumulate at centres as the organism of commerce grows complicated. There would seem to be no reason why it should be more unproductive there than elsewhere—although its stay be limited; for it goes, not to remain, but for redistribution.

To read some of the editorials on the subject, one would almost infer that the writers would have no objections to the "vicious system" if the money only went to New York and Chicago and stayed there! They are likely to be called on for it! Yes, that is true; it is quite as impossible to keep it there indefinitely, even with the inducement of 4 per cent interest on daily balances, as it is to keep it from going there at all.

This circulation of the currency would not obtain unless it was necessary—unless it paid. Is there anything unhealthy in it? The analogy between it and the circulation of the blood in the human frame is obvious even if fanciful. Like the latter, it should visit no part of the organism without doing some good work.

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	1873.	1872.	1873.	1872.
Flour, brls	11,541	7,642	4,374	6,922
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Pork, brls	110	44	275	275
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Sheep, No	2,062	1,389	220	
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Oak av, 350 ft e of Stanton av, s f, 50x180 ft, dated Sept. 4; consideration, $6,000.

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Ellis Park, 106 ft n of Thirty-seventh st, w f, 29½x 100 ft, dated Sept. 1; consideration, $3,867.

Brown st, 50 ft e of Taylor st, n f, undivided half of 25x100 ft, dated Oct. 5; consideration, $2,000.

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Clark st, 230 ft s w of Park court, s w f, 80x180 ft, dated Sept. 10; consideration, $2,600.

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Douglas place, 75 ft w of Shurtleff av, n f, 25x80½ ft, dated June 25; consideration, $605.

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Twenty-second st, 80 ft w of Wood st, n f, 24x100 ft, dated July 9; consideration, $1,200.

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Gen. M. D. Leggett, father of the Cornell student who was killed by falling from a precipice last week, writes to the Ithaca papers that he never received the consent of his parents to join the secret society; and continues: "Mortimer was there of his own free will, and was with his own chosen friends. In the meantime I am grateful that the accident had in view Mortimer's pleasure and profit, and had no more expectation of danger or accident than he had. I can-not, therefore, find it in my heart to especially blame any young man, or the University."

The Seventeenth and One-Hundred-and-Twelfth Regiments of Illinois Volunteers held their annual re-union at Galva, Oct. 21. The Hon. W. L. Wiley was Vice President of the day. M. M. Ford made an ad-dress of welcome. Speeches were made by Gens. Henderson and Rose; Col. Boyd, of Fulton County; Maj. Hosford and Mcdowell, of Henry County; Capt. L. M. Haverstick, of Rock Island, and others. The Seventeenth Regiment voted to hold its next reunion Oct. 21, 1874, at Knoxville. The One-Hundred-and-Twelfth voted to hold its next meeting at Wyoming, Nov. 4, 1874.

TO EXCHANGE.

ATTENTION, BRICKMAKERS!—I HAVE A NEW 4-horse power sweep barn, lot, 32x125 ft., located be-tween Forty-second and Forty-third-sts., near Dexter-avenue, on block fronting on Forty-second-st., which I will exchange for a good, first-class brick machine, or will sell cheap for cash, or will exchange for lots, pay-ing the machine agent will be willing to pay for it. I will decide this for lots, pursuance something on which I can realize. Apply to FRED F. FISHER, 163 LaSalle-st., basement.

FOR SALE—FRAME HOUSE IN COTTAGE Grove-av., 25 foot grove lot.

Brick house, large corner lot; will take good property in part pay.

Frame store, State-st., 5 years' lease, at price to make money.

Lots on Centre-st.; easy terms.

GEORGE H. RESS, 140 Madison-st.

FOR SALE—LOTS IN WISNER'S MILWAUKEE-av. Addition, corner Diversey-st., near depot; Ger-man well, public school, park, and boulevard, and omni-bus line; title perfect; prices low; long time; ground high, level, shaded and ornamented with trees; terms rapid. Call at our office and take a free ride to see these lots. WISNER BROS., Room 16, 163 South Clark-st.

FOR SALE—ON MONTHLY PAYMENTS—6 NEW cottages and lots on Swann-st., near Forty-seventh and Wentworth-av. Also, cottage and lot on Sixteenth-st., near Halsted. Also, lots on same street, on South Side, cor. F. R. WILSON, from 12 to 1 o'clock. Room 10, Ashland Block, corner Clark and Randolph.

FOR SALE—$2,300—$1,500 CASH WILL BUY A NEW cottage, 6 rooms and bath, Ashland-av., near Forty-third-st. Lot 24x125 to 20-foot alley. J. B. GOULD & CO., 119 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—THE BEST BUSINESS PROPERTY IN the city of Chicago, for the money. Inquire of WM. H. BARLOW, 98 Clark-st.

FOR SALE—$2,500—$300 CASH WILL BUY A NEW 6-room cottage, unfinished basement, on Langley-ave., near Forty-fifth-st. Lot 25x180 to 20-foot alley. J. B. GOULD & CO., 119 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—76 FEET ON LAKE-AV., NORTH OF Thirty-fifth-st.; or will exchange for good Illinois farm. GIBSON & MOSHER, 140 Madison-st.

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FOR SALE—FIVE ACRES NEAR BRIGHTON, AT a bargain; only $1,250 per acre. HENRY F. GEORGE, 90 Clark-st.

FOR SALE — EVANSTON — GROVE LOTS, $200 to $300 monthly payments; only $20 down. IRA BROWN, 163 LaSalle-st., Room 4. Basement books taken. Terms 1.

FOR SALE—NEW COTTAGES, THREE ROOMS and 10 acres dry improved prairie land on Telegraph road, 1 mile from Hobart, 32 from Chicago on Fort Wayne Railroad; price $750, cash $150, balance $10 monthly or less days time for the whole. HARRIS & BARLEY, owner; no agency business; Room 3, 153 Monroe-st.; this office will close this month.

FOR SALE—$1,600 WILL BUY A 7-ROOM COT-tage and 2 lots at Desplaines; $200 cash, $15 monthly for balance. IRA BROWN, 163 LaSalle-st., Room 4.

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FOR SALE—LOTS ON STONY ISLAND BOULE-vard and Seventy-fifth-st., near Grand Crossing; easy payments and cheap. ULRICH & BOND, 97 Dear-born-st.

FOR SALE—ALL WHO WISH TO PURCHASE houses and lots, blocks, or acres, in Evanston, or North Evanston, cheaper and on longer time than any other person can offer, call at 153 Monroe-st., Room 1, or poster, C. E. BROWNE.

FOR SALE—$100 WILL BUY A BEAUTIFUL LOT at Desplaines; $10 down; $5 a month until paid. IRA BROWN, 163 LaSalle-st., Room 4. Only 3 left.

North Side.

95 AND 97 NORTH CLARK-ST., HANCOCK HOUSE —Good place to board, with pleasant rooms and very low prices.

115 NORTH DEARBORN-ST., CORNER OF ORIO —An elegantly furnished room for two gentlemen, with board.

126 NORTH DEARBORN-ST.—A SUITE OF rooms, with hot and cold water, unfurnished, ex-cept carpets; also some furnished double and single rooms with board; also, a few table boarders; all in a private family; house contains bath-rooms and all modern im-provements.

128 LASALLE-ST.—PARTIES WISHING BOARD in a private family, for themselves or wife, can have the same at once, at office Chicago Boarding House Bu-reau, 128 LaSalle-st., back room.

Hotels.

ATLANTIC HOTEL—VAN BUREN AND SHER-man-sts.—Rates, $2.50 per day. Rooms, $1 per day. Rooms, good board, $6 per week; table board, $4.

Country.

THREE NICELY-FURNISHED ROOMS, WITH closets and with board, to rent, in the country; on Chicago & Evanston Railroad. Address EVANSTON, P. O. Box 2091, Evanston, Ill.

BOARD WANTED.

BOARD—BY MAN AND WIFE, WITH LITTLE boy, in private family; will furnish room if per-manent all winter; terms must be reasonable. Address O 46, Tribune office.

BOARD—IN PRIVATE FAMILY, IN EXCHANGE for dressmaking. Call or address 20 West Washing-ton-st.

BOARD — AND NICELY-FURNISHED FRONT room for a gentleman or lady. Address, with terms, A H, care Carter No. 4, Chicago.

BOARD—A FURNISHED FRONT ROOM FOR lady and daughter. Address, with terms W 6, Tribune office.

BOARD—BY A LADY AND GENTLEMAN, A FUR-nished alcove room, or large and small room, with good board, vicinity of Centre. Centre. Terms must be reasonable. Address W 60, Tribune office.

BOARD—FOR 7 LADIES, IN A FAMILY WHERE there are few or no other boarders. Must be within reasonable distance of business part of city. Address W 8, Tribune office.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

A GOOD ASSORTMENT OF FAMILY CARRIAGES A and top and open buggies; also second-hand carriages, cheap. Repairing done. Clifton-st., cor. N. Halsted-st.

FOR SALE—ONE CARRIAGE HORSE, WELL-bred, sound, 5 years old, 15 hands high, color dark brown, drives single or double, and a good saddle horse, and one T-cart, both in first-class order. Apply to Cook-man, 797 Wabash-av. Stable at the rear.

FOR SALE—A TOP CONCORD BUGGY (KIM-ball's make) but little used at $175 cash; can be seen at Hanchett & Carter's Livery Stable, on Twelfth-st., between Wabash-av. and State-st.

FOR SALE—LARGE BAY MARE AND IMPORTED English dapple-gray stallion; heavy plated harness, very stylish; must be sold; owner retiring from business. Also, dap-boarders wanted.

FOR SALE—CHEAP—TRAM, WAGON, AND HAR-ness, family carriage, 2-seated, open or close; or all, or any time. Room 14, 148 South Clark-st.

FOR SALE—HORSE, BUGGY, HARNESS, SO

PESTILENCE.

Fresh Outbreak of the Disease at Memphis.

Another Call for Help by the Howard Association.

Thirty Deaths Yesterday in That City.

Fearful Ravages of the Fever at Columbus, Miss.

The Citizens Fleeing in Terror.

Gloomy Reports from Various Points in Texas.

Particulars of the Death of Miss Stephenson, the Illinois Heroine.

IN MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 22.—Squire H. L. Richards, City Registrar, one of the oldest citizens, died this forenoon of yellow fever, aged 74. Dr. R. J. Fremont, Secretary of the Board of Health, died also of yellow fever to-day. Dr. J. J. Williams is reported very low.

The sale of the charity bale of cotton at St. Louis for $80 is reported by private telegram.

A steady rain since 2 o'clock.

MEMPHIS HAS CRAKED TO HOPE

for the early abatement of the disease. Sudden changes of temperature and warm rain work more fatal cases than continuous warm weather. One day's report of a few new cases leads to hopes, to be crushed by a succeeding day's development of sudden change in the weather and increased number of victims. There is no safety here yet.

MORTUARY.

MEMPHIS, Oct. 22.—Deaths—Yellow fever, 27; other causes, 3. Total, 30.

ANOTHER APPEAL.

MEMPHIS, Oct. 22.—The following circular, which explains itself, appears in to-morrow morning's papers:

OFFICE OF HOWARD ASSOCIATION,
MEMPHIS, Oct. 22.

To all sympathizing with suffering humanity everywhere:

The yellow fever is not abating. God only knows when it will. Scores of new cases appear daily. Over 1,000 are now sick. Our funds will not pay expenses six days. From the sick and dying a cry of distress and need of relief comes to us from all sides. Our duties demand money and relief to procure nurses, stimulants, and nourishments. We require more than ever. Send donations to A. D. Langstaff, President of the Howard Association.

By order of A. D. Langstaff, President.

(Signed) A. H. Frankland, J. G. Lisdale, J. J. Murphy, J. H. Edmundson, W. J. Smith, Special Committee.

THE DISEASE AT OTHER POINTS.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 22.—The *Picayune* special says: Galveston is full of refugees from Bryan, Calvert, and Columbus. More are coming by each train.

TELEGRAMS FROM COLUMBUS

report the fever increasing fast, and of a very fatal type. Four deaths in twelve hours. The Hon. George W. Sandidge and A. W. Harwood are down with the fever. The place is almost depopulated. A special relief train was forwarded to-day with physicians.

FROM GALVESTON AND CALVERT.

Telegraphic deaths in twenty-four hours. The disease continues very violent at Bryan, two deaths and seven new cases the past twenty-four hours. Business is almost entirely suspended.

IN MARSHALL, TEXAS.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 22.—A dispatch from A. B. Clemens, President of the Howard Association, of Marshall, Tex., to a gentleman of this city, says the yellow fever is epidemic there, and asks assistance in money and supplies. The matter will be considered and acted upon by the Memphis Relief Committee to-morrow.

IN MONTGOMERY, ALA.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Oct. 22.—One yellow fever death to-day.

CASE IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Patrick Heney, laborer, of 73 Washington street, was found this morning suffering from the yellow fever. He was removed to Blackwell's Island, and the disinfecting corps were set at work on the premises. His case is supposed to be a fatal one.

LATER.—Patrick Heney, reported sick with yellow fever at 73 Washington street, is in a dying condition. He had been in the house since Monday. He came from Memphis, and last night the other men lodged in the room with him. The doctors are anxiously searching for these men, as they are afraid that they may carry the seeds of the disease about with them. Dr. Harris, of the Health Department, this morning visited the house to-day and pronounced the disease yellow fever.

THE RELIEF MOVEMENT.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 22.—Walter G. Watson, Treasurer of the Commercial Exchange Association, called a special meeting of the Exchange this morning, at which $1,200 was promptly subscribed for and dispatched to Memphis.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—The Rev. Morgan Dix reports the receipts of additional contributions for Memphis amounting to-day, Fargo & Co. have forwarded by the Adams Express another $1,000 collected on the Pacific coast. St. Michael's Association have sent $500 to the Dominion Statesman, and will soon forward more. Collections are also being made for the relief of Memphis and promptly forwarded.

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 22.—At the morning session of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Ohio, a resolution was adopted appropriating $500 for the relief of the Masons of Memphis. If more money is needed, the call will be answered by every lodge in Ohio.

CINCINNATI, O., Oct. 22.—An immense audience turned out last night to attend the grand performance of several amateur societies, at Pike's Opera-House, for the benefit of Memphis. The Chamber of Commerce contributes to-day have been $46,000.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Oct. 22.—Eight hundred dollars additional has been forwarded from this city to Memphis, and $600 to Shreveport. Contributions are still being received.

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 22.—Subscriptions for yellow fever sufferers are coming in quite freely here, and they include $1,600 of money which was left in the hands of the Chicago Relief Committee in 1871.

A MEMPHIS SACRIFICE—DEATH AND BURIAL OF MISS MATTIE STEPHENSON, THE ILLINOIS HEROINE.

From the Memphis Avalanche, Oct. 21.

One of the most touching of the hundred incidents which have stirred the hearts of men since the prevailing pestilence began its reign, is that of the death of the brave and noble Mattie Stephenson, whose gentle spirit winged its rapid flight heavenward at yester's break of dawn. It was only on the previous day that the story was told in the columns of this journal of the way this impulsive girl, a young lady of but twenty years, from Pawnee, Illinois, unbeknown to her relatives or friends, to serve the sick and suffering of our sorely stricken city, paying her passage by rail. White we were absent from her arrival, in response to the request of Dr. Blackburn, she was at the bedside of Mrs. Adair, on Commerce street, a peculiarly trying case for one so young, watching with a woman's unflinching devotion till the fearful struggle with the monster was over. Then she went to nurse a family named Sullivan, on Concord street, where she did patient and faithful service to several other persons, even assisting in all sorts of drudgery.

Last Monday she was stricken with the treacherous malady, whose deadly breath she had inhaled, and was soon after taken to the Infirmary, where she was cared for, nursed, and watched by Drs. Luke P. Blackburn, W. K. Rogers, Barnett, of Pickwurg, J. B. Barbot, of New Orleans, and two kind and faithful nurses. In spite of the skill and care of all of the above, the fever proved too much for her frail, unacclimated form, and she sank to rest, a martyr to humanity's cause, while her pure spirit passed upward to the regions of eternal day.

When it was announced at the Howard Association rooms on Madison street that the little girl was dead, a pang of sorrow pervaded every heart, and preparations were at once made to follow her remains to the crowded city of the dead.

The heroine had arrived here without a change of garments, and her entire wardrobe was on her person, or in a little satchel she brought. She declined any pay for her duty, and refused to accept articles offered by the ward visitors. So, writing to her home for a few needful articles, a box was sent by express in return, which only came here day before yesterday, when she was too low to know anything of it. Saturday, the day of our visit, the remains of Mr. Langstaff opened the package to find, if possible, some trace of the girl's history. A couple of clean, plain calico dresses, some cuffs, a few garments of underwear, and a small package of nick-knacks, were all that met his eye, save a few lines addressed to her parents, beneath the green sod. Let the breathing marble and the sculptor's art do for some, justice not to her purity, which man can never reward, but to ourselves and the gratitude of our city.

A prayer of thanksgiving was then offered to God for the holy teachings of the Inspired Book, and for the examples which, in some degree, embody them, by imperfect, but yet lovely imitations of that one great example of a few who "went about doing good" to the erring and the sick. The services were closed with the Apostolic benediction to their urgent duties in behalf of the living.

Among others noticed at the funeral of this heroine who has fallen a victim to the scourge were Maj. Wm. Galloway, of Memphis; W. A. Cooper, of New Orleans; Acting-Mayor Creede, and Messrs. James G. Simpson, A. J. Keller, it. A. Lethgwell, Holt, Porter, Waring, Halsted, and Foster, of the Howard Association; also Mrs. Jennie Canner, Mrs. Fisher and Ellen Fay, from Mobile, and Mrs. Bernard and Mrs. James, of New Orleans, all connected with the Walthall Infirmary, where Miss Stephenson died. Every one of the persons named, and indeed all present, were visibly affected to sadness during the ceremonies, and many were dissolved in tears of sorrow over the fate of the pure-hearted victim, who nobly sacrificed herself in a cause which will win her a crown among the angels.

MIDDLE PARK.

A Trip to the Hot Sulphur Springs.

Experiences of a Rain-Storm—Trout Fishing and Grasshopper-Catching.

A Ute Fraud—Bathing at the Springs—Grand Lake.

Correspondence of The Chicago Tribune.

BLACK HAWK, Col., Sept. 30, 1873.

My last letter to THE TRIBUNE left our party of mountain-tourists, bound for the Hot Sulphur Springs of Middle Park, just starting out from the spot, at the edge of timber-line on the west side of the range, where they had dined early in the afternoon of Aug. 13. Our way for a little distance was still to the westward. Two steep but short descents—the longest not much over an eighth of a mile—were made, and then the road, turning to the north, lay for the most part through a thick growth of timber, and along a little stream called

WOMAN'S CREEK,—

so named, likely enough, by some oft-jilted swain, because, in his estimation, only the windings of a woman's heart were as crooked and tortuous as its course. We crossed it, on an average, about once in every 4 rods. There was occasionally a short, steep pitch, but otherwise the road was seemingly level,—only the rapid current of the stream indicating how great really was the constant and regular descent,—and not at all dangerous. But to say that it was rough and stony would convey only the faintest idea of its real condition. Nature confounds and puts to shame poor humanity, not only by the beauty, the grandeur, and majesty, of her works, but sometimes also by[the] subtle skill displayed therein. No human ingenuity could ever pile within the same limits so many and so huge boulders as Dame Nature has deposited between the two sides of this road. It is reputed one of the

GRANDEST RECORDED TRIUMPHS OF SKILL

in the jehu tribe to drive a team of horses unused to this road over it for the first time, without breakage to the limbs or serious damage to some other part of the equine frame. Our mules were used to the road, and picked their way over it easily and safely—to themselves; but no mule-sagacity could prevent the wagons jolting. Those who have been in a railway-coach when the notion took it to run for a while over the ties instead of along the track, can have, perhaps, some faint conceptions of the discomfort of riding over this road. Only those so unfortunate as not to have saddle-horses, and too weak or too tired to walk, remained in the wagon; and they were alternately pitching head-foremost against the driver and clinging frantically to the seats to save themselves from being dumped out behind or being spilled over the wagon-sides. Occasionally the road would leave the stream, and pass for a half or quarter of a mile over dry uplands, and through groves of straight-growing, symmetrical pines; but nowhere was there any escape from

THE HUGE, TORTURING BOULDERS.

Correspondents inspired with a lofty ambition of airing their botanical knowledge, writing of the timber in the Park, have had much to say of numerous varieties of pines, of spruces, of aspe, etc. But the unbotanical eye can therein discover, in the timber-line, nothing but one sort of evergreen, commonly called, for convenience, if for no more scientific reason, pine, and occasional groves of quaking asp or cottonwood.

After about six miles, or three hours, of jolting,—the last third not quite so constant and violent,—we emerged from the timber into the green bottom-lands of a stream accurately and concisely described by its name of Crooked Creek; and our mountaineer informed us that we were

FAIRLY IN THE PARK.

These lands, smooth and level, and covered with a thick growth of grass, are a half or three-quarters of a mile wide, and extend along the creek 3 or 4 miles, to its junction with Frazier River. On the right rises the main range, spotted with white snow-banks; and on the left is the high ridge, with its rolling sides thickly-covered with evergreen vines. Thick, black clouds had been gathering all the afternoon over the mountain-peaks by which we were encircled; but the assurance of our mountaineers that "it never rained in the Park," and a distinct recollection of similar assertions by tourists who had visited the Park before us, quieted our fears, and prevented our contemplating, as we otherwise might, the pleasing prospect of passing all the hours of the night in a vast and quiet forest, or on open-bottom lands, with nothing but a thin piece of old and worn canvas to protect us from the merciless peltings of a cold mountain-storm. Soon, however, the rain began to fall,—first in scattering drops, next in a lively sprinkle, and then after

A REGULAR SYSTEMATIC FASHION,

in constantly thickening drops that seemed to threaten business. But we reassured ourselves with the consoling comment that it would be only a shower, and, as the fellow expressed it in Noah's time, "not much of a shower at that." But the shower was unduly prolonged, and, wet and cold, we soon found ourselves indulging in those cheerful contemplations so natural to persons riding through a cold rain-storm, with no vision of shelter, and light, and warmth, at their journey's end. In about an hour, we in the wagon espied those of the party who, traveling by horseback, had ridden on ahead, standing in the edge of the thick woods, innocently striving to delude themselves into the belief that the thick foliage of the pines was sheltering them from the fast-falling drops of rain. It was nearly 7 o'clock ere we were not ambitious to go farther; neither did the drooping, dripping foliage of the pine-forest, or the wet grass, offer us great inducements for stopping. But, silently and sadly, we concluded to camp. We first stretched our piece of canvas upon some poles, making again a shed-like shelter, under which the women, in innocent trustfulness, gathered in a cold and shivering huddle. And then we directed our efforts to

THE BUILDING OF A FIRE.

There are, perhaps, few things that so tax human ingenuity as to build a fire in the midst of a pelting rain-storm, with no kindlings to speak of except the branches of trees indeed long deadened, but, for the time being, most thoroughly dampened. One of our party whittled from a dry board found in the bottom of the wagon, some shavings, which another, gathering up, sheltered from rain under his coat-tails, while the first, carefully searching out the only dry place on his pantaloons, struck a match, carefully sheltered it with his hands, while all looked on with eager interest, until it burned with a sure flame, and then applied it to the shavings, which the other, removing from their first shelter, placed on the ground, holding his hat carefully on the lee side, while the rest of us, gathering on the windward, with outstretched coat-skirts, sought to protect the feeble flame from wind and rain. The shavings caught, and a flame blazed up encouragingly through the small branches piled loosely above, when a strong stream of water flowed from some one's hat straight down into the flame, and, with a sickly flicker, IT WENT OUT

in smoke and darkness. We then, for a moment, unanimously forgot the third commandment. With commendable perseverence we continued to repeat this operation, the obliviousness to said commandment and all, but were getting discouraged, when our driver came along and said he "could build a fire," and for once he was a success, and soon had a glorious fire burning, that glowed, and crackled, and sent up a great blaze, in the light and heat of which, as we grew warm and dry, and drank our hot coffee, we caught visions of something yet in life worth living for. And, as we sat ranged along the ledge of our shelter, listening to the consoling drops of the rain down upon the thin canvas, and looking across the little circle illuminated by the fire, into, or rather against, the deep darkness beyond, that seemed to rise up as a huge black wall, there was something in the very weirdness that charmed away our sense of discomfort. And the little streams of cold water, that, finding their way through the canvas frequently, trickled down an ear, or head, or neck, or shoulder, instead of dampening the spirits, rather excited

THE SENSE OF THE RIDICULOUS;

and Mark Tapley himself might have envied the gloomiest one of the company.

After awhile, some of the party, searching out the spots on which there was the least leakage, spread down blankets, and lay down to such slumbers and such dreams as might be possible under the circumstances. One of the ladies strong in the faith that a rubber blanket spread upon the ground would protect her from all but perpendicularly-descending dampness, was soon disturbed in her quiet slumbers by a vague sense of slowly drifting away from warmth and shelter on a stream of ice-water, and gradually this vague sense ripened into the certain conviction that numerous streams, each of the size of Noah's drops with which he dripped down upon her blanket, were quietly meandering around and beneath her person. She did not care about sleeping any more, and, putting the rubber blanket, dry side down, about her shoulders, took a seat by the fire; as it were, she "wrapped the drapery of her couch about her and" sat down to quiet meditation—and to dry. I think from the latter vocation I spread blankets over it, and placed the whole at my wife's disposal, and spent the time until midnight—except when I was piling fuel on the fire—in endeavoring to persuade her into the delusion that she was not being rained on at all, possessed the most comfortable and commodious couch in the world, and really had no excuse at all for not at once falling into calm and serene slumbers. But

SHE REFUSED TO SEE ALL THIS,

as pertinaciously as she ever has to perceive the attractions of the flames of my earlier years.

At midnight the rain ceased, and, spreading a blanket on the ground, I stretched myself out, feet to the fire, and was soon fast asleep, only occasionally disturbed as the fire was made too hot for rapid organs of locomotion, whereupon a tall friend, with the wit indigenous to the Green Isle, would remark that "He must have *some* room in which to build his fire; and that, anyway, I was only getting a little foretaste of my future destiny."

In the morning the sun rose bright and clear, and we arose dull and confused in our ideas as to whether or not we were on a pleasure-trip. Before noon, however, we were again in a condition for traveling. A ride of about 5 miles along the banks of the creek, and through groves of pine, brought us to the broad, green bottom-lands of

FRAZIER RIVER.

This stream, where we forded it, is 4 or 5 rods wide and 2 or 3 feet deep; and its clear, cold waters flow swiftly over a bed of boulders and pebbles. Its sources are at the head of the Park, about 30 miles to the south. We "stopped here for a day" long enough to cast our nets in the shelter of a huge rock that rises on the south bank of the stream, from the smooth river-bottom, 50 or 60 feet high, and covers an acre or two of ground. Back of us was the main range, and in front, beyond the 2- or-3-mile-wide strip of level bottom-land, the same range, circling around into a half or semi-circle of lofty ridges and towering peaks, seemed again to appear; and in the foreground stood out, clearly defined, a mountain whose sharp peak rose far above the great snow-banks that covered its sides, and that, "midway leaving the storm," seemed to lift its head into eternal sunshine. It was named, I learn, the Mount of the Holy Cross. Some imagined—incorrectly, I think—it to be Gray's. I am very sure the same peak is visible from Rollinsville, over the pass by which we crossed. Just below the rock, Frazier River enters the narrow canon, through which it flows 20 miles to its junction with Grand. The members of the party, by their united efforts, managed to catch nearly trout enough for supper, and, by the way, those who have eaten of mountain-trout only as they have been purchased in the markets of civilized localities can have only a poor idea of how

DELICATE AND DELICIOUS

is their flavor when cooked immediately after being taken from the water.

Early the next day, we struck our tents for a morning's march to the springs. Our road, passing through frequent groves of pine and quaking asp, and occasionally over a small extent of smooth land, that, stirring some small stream, was covered with luxuriant grass, lay, for 10 miles or so, between two parallel rolling ridges, extending north and south; and then we came upon an extent of smooth land that stretched out in front of us 3 or 4 miles, and extended to the west 6 or 7 miles, seemingly to the foot of the range, where it arose rock-ribbed mountain-high, 8,000 or 9,000 feet high, with seemingly a broad flat top of many acres in extent. Far to the north and west, we could see Long's tall peak, and the high mountains that encircle the sources of Grand River. Crossing this lead-land, in the centre of which we were considerably delayed by a miry stream, in which the mules floundered, and in which the wagon stuck, and into which several of the party fell flat in a vain attempt to jump across, we again rode 5 miles between parallel ridges, and then, converging into open country, we saw before us a broad, level area, in the form of a nearly equilateral triangle. We were at one angle, from which, to form two of the sides, as many ridges extended, one to the south-east, the other to the northwest, while the third was a range of hills, or mountains, from 1,000 to 2,000 feet high, extending along the north bank of Grand River. And at the northwest angle we saw the tents pitched about the hot springs. The distance from this point to the springs is 5 miles, and is deceived so considerable as to be very perceptible; some put it at 1,200 feet, and it is not an extravagant estimate.

GRAND RIVER

is some 15 rods wide at this place, 4 or 5 feet deep, and flows over the stony bottom in a strong, swift current. It can be forded only in places, and then it is desirable that the driver should be skilled and cautious. We crossed it, however, with no actual or threatened mishap sufficient to excite even the faintest feminine shriek. We pitched our tents in a little grove of cottonwoods on the north bank of the stream and about half-a-mile above the springs.

The next day was spent, by some of the party, in beautifying the camp; and, by the rest, in fishing, and just trout enough were caught for supper, and breakfast the next morning.

TROUT-FISHING

is something that requires, to secure success, not only experience, but also original genius. I believe, as old Horace said of the poet, the trout-fisher is "born, not made." To stand, as I have for hours, throwing a line, and getting never a bite, while some one else near me catches a long string of fine fish, will convince any one of this. During the grasshopper season, that insect makes the best bait; hence, chasing grasshoppers is an important department of trout-fishing. And to some is added

CHASING GRASSHOPPERS,

of a hot summer's day, is one of the most enchanting and inspiring spectacles imaginable. His first, hat in hand, cautiously approaches to within a few feet of the grasshopper, and then makes a sudden plunge with the hat, only to see that lively insect fly away, singing, and happy; then he gets excited, and gives rapid chase, with his hat in his outstretched hand, and his bald pate shining resplendent in an August sun, until the hopper alights, when he again resorts to slow and cautious approaches and sudden dives, only to see the object of his chase again hop away, serene and musical. He will repeat this an indefinite number of times, and perhaps at last catch the grasshopper. And then, as some old fisherman comes along, and tells him that, in the morning, while the dew is on, grasshoppers can't fly, and can be just picked up, that man will sit down, wipe the perspiration from his brow, caress his burning head, and forget that he ever was a Sunday-school scholar.

The second morning at the springs, our party, by twos and threes, set out for a day's fishing; and, about noon, commenced returning, gloomy and solemn, and

WITHOUT ANY FISH.

And then, when our mountaineer told about once catching from Grand River a hundred trout in an hour, and then, when his bait was exhausted, killed a chipmunk, and, with the tail thereof as bait, caught sixty-four more,—the last time hauling out three, one caught in the tail, the tale was too much for us, and we all forgot the vows of our Sunday-school days and the pious resolutions of mature years. And soon after, when a member of another party came along with a long string of fine trout, if none of us made any remarks, it was because we each and all felt unable to do the subject justice. After this there were few attempts at fishing.

Sunday, the 17th, a Ute Chief, whose English name is Washington, and whose Ute appellation, as nearly as it can be expressed in the letters of a civilized alphabet, is Tinnochswah, visited our camp, and reported to Dr. Reid that his tribe was about 8 miles up the river, the braves ready and impatient for

THE GREAT HUNT.

Washington visited the city of the same name several years ago, and received a silver medal given him by Andy Johnson. He said "Lincoln was a good man," but intimated a decidedly poor opinion of white men generally, who, he seemed to think, were getting too thick in the Park. The Doctor, accompanied by about a dozen officers, who happened to be in the Park from the various cities of the Territory, soon set out with Washington. And the next night he returned gloomy and dejected, destitute of faith in the Indian nature, and mad at the whole N. Fenimore Cooper tribe. He said he found on about forty lodges, peopled for the time being with only women, pappooses, and old men, and he soon learned that the braves were all over in North Park hunting, that there had been no intention of having a hunt in Middle Park, where game was thought too scarce, and that Washington, disgracing that name of hatchet-and-apple-tree memory, had enticed him to the camp that the inhabitants thereof might beg of him. The Doctor remonstrated with the greatest Chief present, called Tenromenot, referring to the representations made by Washington, only to receive the sententious remark that Washington was

A BIG LIAR.

Then, dropping a silent tear of regret that he had not his full-box with him, the Medicine-Man could but turn back and again make his way to his own camp. The number of Chiefs required for 500 Utes may surprise the reader, as it did me; but, after several attempts to master the intricacies of the Ute form of government, I was obliged to give up in despair.

THE SPRINGS THEMSELVES

we found well worth visiting. Six or seven in number, they bubble up at the base of a high hill, from a rock said to be of magnesian formation. The waters from all, or nearly all, soon unite in one stream, and flow, to form a natural shower-bath, over a perpendicular rock 8 or 10 feet high, into a circular basin partly natural and partly artificial, about 10 feet in diameter and 2 or 3 feet deep. Over this basin is built a rude bath-house; its sides are of stone, and are strong and tight; but the roof, of untanned hides, is almost too airy to insure to bathers that sense of security and privacy so requisite for the thorough enjoyment of the bath. The waters are strongly impregnated with iron, sulphur, soda, and, likely enough, several other things, and are almost scalding hot. The baths are very invigorating, and are reported to have cured many bad cases of rheumatism. There is a cold sulphur spring on the south bank of the river, just opposite the hot ones; and the waters of these springs have been known since the date of the first settlement in the country. William N. Byers, proprietor of the *Rocky Mountain News*, owns them. Pent, another Ute Chief, however, still claims the Park, springs and all; and, early in the season, he made a show of resisting any adverse claims. The first visitors found

THE HAND OF UTES

at the springs, who were monopolizing them for bathing purposes, paying no heed to the printed notice nailed on the bath-house door by Mr. Byers' lessee: "Single baths, 75 cents; bath-tickets, $6 per dozen." The Indians, however, graciously granted the visitors permission "to stay two days at the springs, take one bath, and catch one mess of trout." But the latter were old campaigners,—some of them had smelt burnt powder before rebel battalions,—and they didn't scare, but stayed all summer. As visitors became numerous, the Utes became docile. A log hotel, near the springs, is partly built, and will probably be ready for the reception of guests next season. And, with its healing waters, its beautiful river, its encircling hills, and the range visible through Grand River Canon, Long's Peak in the background, this spot offers many attractions to health-and-sight-seekers. We found at the springs a party from all parts of the Territory, and from many places in the States. It was no unusual thing to find living in tents, and cooking by camp-fires, women whose manners and conversation gave sure evidence of culture, refinement, and gentle breeding.

Near our camp was a ledge of soft rocks, of which we found lumps of pure alum that had evidently oozed out from them.

GRAND LAKE,

one of the features of chief interest in the Park, is about 20 miles north of the springs. It is 3 or 4 miles long by 2½ wide, and no line has ever yet been found long enough to reach the bottom of its clear waters. And, as a strange peculiarity, it is said that it does not give up its dead. The bodies of the two or three persons drowned in it have never been recovered. It lies at an elevation of 10,000 feet, and is surrounded by mountains whose sides rise perpendicularly from its waters to the height of 1,000 to 3,000 feet. One of the streams flowing into the lake, and carrying a volume of water equal to one-fourth that of the Grand River, a few miles above its mouth makes, in one leap, a fall of 1,000 feet. That is, so say old mountaineers.

THE ELEVATION IN THE PARK,

as near as could be ascertained, are, at the springs, 9,000 feet; Grand Lake, 10,000 feet; at Frazier's River, 10,000 feet; and at our rainy-night camping-place, something over 10,000 feet. During the winter the snow lies deep in many parts of it, but the southern exposures of its hills are said to be always bare, and to furnish feed to cattle, which, it is said, usually survive the winters without feeding. Our experience of the weather in the Park after the first night, was bright, warm sunshine by day, and a comfortable coolness by night, only, as we camped on the Frazier River, one night, on our return, we found in the morning the ground white with frost, and ice formed over standing water, of the thickness of a pane of glass.

WE STARTED ON THE RETURN TRIP

on Tuesday, the 19th, and that night camped on Frazer's River, to make a last and vain effort to catch trout to carry home; and crossed the range late on Wednesday afternoon. Though we had ridden all day beneath a hot sun and an unclouded sky, as we neared the top of the range we saw clouds form beneath us and hang thick and black over the valleys below, and discharge their water on the places over which we had so recently passed beneath clear skies; and soon, too, higher, clouds were formed, and many cold rain-drops and a few flakes of snow fell upon us. And this was the last unusual or uncomfortable experience on our return to home and civilization. W.

Kissing.

The reunions of the Society of Officers of the Army of the Tennessee have generally been seasons of relaxation of the rigid proprieties. At Toledo there seems to have been a more than usual relaxation at the "reception" of the ladies by Gens. Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, and Custer at the hotel. As the ladies passed in file before these Generals, to shake hands in the American style on such occasions, they began to kiss the little girls. Growing more audacious, like ravenous beasts at the taste of blood, they began to kiss the large girls, and the reporter says that very soon it spread to the kissing of every girl and woman that was good looking. The reporter for the Toledo *Commercial* says he stood in the midst of the battery of Generals and tallied the kisses, which were three:

President Grant	74	115	260
Gen. Sherman	127	147	307
Gen. Sheridan	94	124	415
Gen. Custer	93	139	417

They made selections. The reporter says:

Gen. Sherman and the President joined in the fray, and at one time were considerably ahead of the younger Generals, but we are forced to say, however, that they, like the younger Generals, passed every homely lady by with a simple shake of the hand.

FOREIGN.

Great Speech by John Bright at Birmingham.

He Tells the English Some Home-Truths.

The Defense in the Tichborne Case to Rest To-Day.

The French Assembly to Meet Next Wednesday.

The Monarchical Motion to Be Made Nov. 5.

Further Testimony in the Bazaine Trial.

The Spanish Insurgent Fleet Back at Cartagena.

Severe Famine Threatened at Bengal.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, Oct. 22.—The Right Hon. John Bright addressed an assemblage, estimated to number 16,000 persons, at Birmingham to-night. He commended the administration of Gladstone for its past legislation, with the exception of the Education act, which he said was framed in a hasty manner, and is incomplete. He advocated the repeal of Clause 25 of the act, by which denominational schools are allowed to receive payment from public rates. In his opinion, a general re-examination of the question was necessary. Speaking of the war against the Ashantees, Mr. Bright said no one was more anxious than was the Administration for a reasonable and pacific adjustment of the difficulty. He believed the interests and honor of the country would be best consulted by the absolute withdrawal of the British Colonies from the Ashantee coast at no distant date.

He then referred to the relations between Great Britain and the United States. Mr. Bright said he had spoken of the Treaty of Washington as humiliating to Great Britain. The humiliation was between 1865 and 1869. If at that time the British Government had practiced toward the United States generous neutrality, the wealthier classes of England would not in the main have sided with the insurrectionary slave-holding planters. If the newspapers here had then dealt in a spirit of fairness with our trans-Atlantic kinsmen, the dispute settled by the treaty of 1873 would not have arisen. The conduct of the Administration in reference to the treaty, and subsequent arbitration at Geneva, he considered, had added a nobler page to the history of England than had all the bloody battles recorded in its history. He praised the Queen for her action in submitting a matter of settled international dispute by arbitration, for the reduction of the qualifications necessary to the exercise of county franchise, for the redistribution of representation in Parliament, and for moving for a return of the game laws of England and Wales. He said among the topics which demand an early solution, the last was the one especially of interest to agricultural laborers of the country, namely, the present system of leasing the enjoyment of large landed estates, debars from all hopes of proprietorship in the soil. He acknowledges the harmfulness of the operation of the tax upon incomes.

Continuing forty years of supremacy of the Liberals in government as years of progress and prosperity to the country, he animadverted severely upon the Conservatives' obstructiveness and their present lack of settled policy, and appealed to the country to continue to support the liberal party.

Mr. Bright's address occupied an hour and ten minutes in delivery, and was received with unbounding enthusiasm.

LONDON, Oct. 22.—There was a banquet at the Mansion House last evening, at which there were present about 800 guests, including the representatives of foreign governments, Minister Motley, the Hon. Joseph Medill, of Chicago, and President Watson, of the Erie Railway. The Lord Mayor proposed the toast: "Prosperity to the trade and commerce of the United States and the British Colonies," alluding the name of Mr. Motley with the subject. Watson, replying, thanked the Lord Mayor for his flattering allusion to his administration of the Erie Railway Company, and spoke of the difficulties encountered in creating such a railroad, and devolved on him to undertake. He said that the nearly support and approval which he had received in England strengthened him to grapple with the difficulties that he had remained to overcome. Honorable and intelligent administration for American railroads was as important as a sound government for the country. Mayor Ward was called upon to respond to the toast of "The Municipal Institutions of London." In doing so he took the opportunity to return thanks to London for the aid sent to Chicago after her great fire.

LONDON, Oct. 22.—After the recess in the Tichborne trial to-day, a note was received from Dr. Kenealy stating that, owing to illness, he could not again appear in the case to-day, and hoped that the case might be would be able to resume the case for the defense to-morrow.

LONDON, Oct. 22—4 a. m.—A telegram from Calcutta says the famine is spreading, and a severe famine is threatened in the Provinces of Bengal.

FRANCE.

PARIS, Oct. 22.—A meeting of Delegates of the Right Centre of the Assembly was held to-day, the Duke D'Audiffret-Pasquier presiding. A resolution recalling Count De Chambord to France was unanimously adopted. The meeting also adopted a resolution formally coalescing with the members of the Right. A communication was addressed by the party of the Left Centre with a view to an understanding upon questions of the moment.

The trial of Marshal Bazaine was continued to-day, with the presentation of further evidence in regard to the amount of ammunition. Some of the witnesses testified that a third of the supply in the magazines at the beginning of the siege was consumed before the 19th of August.

LONDON, Oct. 22—10 a. m.—A special dispatch from Paris to the *Daily Telegraph* states that it is practically settled that the Assembly is to meet Oct. 26, and a motion for the restoration of the monarchy will be made Nov. 5.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—The sale of Henri Rochefort's property, in Paris, lately, produced 2,545 francs, which will be refunded to the 1,220 francs by the payment of some small claims of note. Rochefort's fortune is for his children, save the value of an unpublished romance. The considerable profits from *La Lanterne*, the *Mot d'Ordre*, and *Mot D'Ordre* having passed away, no one knows where.

SPAIN.

MADRID, Oct. 21.—The Intransigents vessels have left Valencia. Before leaving they plundered ten more Spanish merchant ships, taking four along with them. Another attempt to capture the Carlist gunboat *Lauria* failed. Admiral Lobo acknowledges he disobeyed orders in leaving Cartagena for Gibraltar with the National squadron, and has asked that his case be tried by court-martial.

Zorilla has arrived in the city.

MADRID, Oct. 22.—The insurgent fleet has returned to Cartagena.

SOUTH AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Admiral Taylor, commanding the South Atlantic station, writes from Bahia that, on arriving there, he was informed that the British ship Catopaz was ashore 15 miles distant, and immediately went to her assistance, and took off the 124 passengers with their luggage and about $200,000 in treasure. The vessel was subsequently got afloat. The British ship Challenger, on a scientific expedition, was at Bahia, but left to avoid the yellow fever, one case having occurred on board. Prof. Thompson, of the University of Edinburgh, is on board, and will observe the transit of Venus, which takes place in 1874.

The Ticonderoga, had called at Buenos Ayres, and Capt. United States Navy, was received by Consul White, congratulated President Sarmiento on his escape from assassination. President Sarmiento and members of his Cabinet returned the visit.

A dispatch from Asuncion, Paraguay, bearing the American flag, and owned by American merchants, navigating the Parana and Paraguay Rivers, had met with some detention on a late voyage, the authorities suspecting her of taking supplies to the rebels. The matter is in the hands of the United States Minister. The Wasp had gone up the river.

Admiral Almy, writing to the Secretary of the Navy about having landed forces to protect the Panama Railroad, in July, in Taboga Bay, says the Panama had previously notified the United States Consul that, under the present circumstance, he was able to give the Panama Railroad Company the protection and safeguard guaranteed in the treaty, but this proved otherwise. By care, attention, and hard work, the American naval force has securely protected the transit of passengers and their effects from Colon to Panama without any delay. The ship's command behaved well. The Omaha is the only cruising ship besides the Pensacola in the squadron. In view of the frequent and prolonged troubles in the way of revolutions in the South American Republics, he suggests that the Benicia be added to the South Pacific squadron, and in view of the great length of the cruising ground, extending to Australia, he further suggests that there be three cruising ships as the least number in the squadron. There being no necessity for keeping so large a force on shore at Panama, he had withdrawn all but thirty men to the ships.

MEXICO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—Dates from Tucson, Arizona, Oct. 11, say the Sonora revolutionists number 400 men, headed by Carlos, Comanie, and Barbeytia. The declaration the insurgents have issued says they revolt against the tyranny of the State of Sonora, not against the National Government. They do not recognize the legality of the late elections, and say they are degraded by the Government of Pesqueria. The Governor issued a proclamation against the insurgents, and took the field in person. The rebels captured Almea, killed two soldiers, and held the place. At last accounts, large numbers of people were fleeing from Sonora into Arizona for protection.

The President and the Salary-Grab.

Translated from the New York Staats-Zeitung.

That the President, at the passage of the most unpopular of all the laws of the Forty-second Congress, was directly and actively interested is long since no secret. The Opposition papers have repeatedly made mention of this, and the Administration press has never tried to make a thorough contradiction. A few unimportant organs, whose zeal for the Administration is larger than their sense of truth, have certainly defended the President against such accusations; yet the better-informed papers have observed a deep silence over this subject. There is no want of Congressmen who are well conscious that the President was the real originator of the law; yet, out of loyalty to him, and from fear to lose his patronage, they had rather suffer patiently the attacks of the press and the criticisms of the enraged people than to betray their lord and master.

It was reserved for the Republican Convention of Massachusetts to make a difference between the salary of the President and that of the Congressmen. It declared the increase of the former as necessary and just, while it condemned the enlarging of the latter as an extravagance. It was passionate against the impudence of the poor goats, and swallowed tranquilly the camel. The condemnation of the guilty Congressmen may have been over so much in its place, it was for all that an injustice in this one-sided opinion of the matter, so long as the Convention did not speak out the whole, full truth,—so long as it did not expose the chief of the band with them. This went to the heart, particularly, of the Hon. C. W. Willard, a Republican Representative from Vermont. He pitied the poor devils who were to eat out the soup which Mr. Grant had put in the fish, and in his moral indignation over the aberration of the Republican Convention of Massachusetts, he came out with the whole history of the origin of the Salary law.

The increasing the salaries of the Congressmen was, till now, always put in the foreground, while the simultaneous increase of the President's salary was looked on as a consequence, or a not-to-be-avoided appendix, of the former. However, since the explanation of the Hon. Mr. Willard, the case is reversed. To incre